

Ryan Gupta – A Leg-Spinner of Great Promise



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Ryan Gupta is a gifted young right-arm leg-spinner with the cricket world at his feet.

He possesses all the raw essential trappings a young wrist spinner requires to take wickets and move forward through the NSW Premier Cricket ranks and beyond into first-class cricket, especially once his skills are bolstered by further degrees of playing experience. Ryan has already achieved plenty of success, but he is still in his infancy as a purveyor of the most difficult form of bowling (Leg-spin), and excitingly for him he should be entering his prime years once he reaches his mid-twenties.

He is starting to grow physically – taller and stronger – and this is also another important element in his development as a bowler.

Ryan has a robust, uncomplicated bowling action, bowls with a good rhythm, spins the leg-break nicely, delivers a deceptive wrong'un, and has developed both the top-spinner and the front-of-hand straight ball. Added to these talents he also has a good temperament for spin bowling, continues to work and evolve his game.

Ryan Gupta's story and his advancement within the Parramatta District Cricket Club is most interesting. It began with A.W. Green Shield in **2020/21** when he captured **10 wickets @ 19.30** (B.B. – 3/41 v. Easts) and continued in **2021/22** where despite missing half of the tournament he captured an impressive **13 wickets @ 10.38** (B.B. – 4/18 v. Penrith, 3/24 v. ND, 3/35 v. R-P). Parramatta AWG Coaches Nick Bertus and Luke Dempsey spoke in glowing terms of Ryan's bowling and his rich potential.



His ascent up the Parramatta grade ranks was quite meteoric, he played a handful of games in Fifth and Fourth grade in season 2021/22 and in the 2022/23 season he was promptly elevated into Second grade and after some solid form (8 wickets @ 24.00 (B.B. – 3/35) Ryan became Parramatta District Cricket Club **First Grade Player Number: 618**.

Ryan's First grade selection was historic because in the history of the Club no other young bowler with just **10 wickets** and relatively little actual bowling in the lower grades, to the point of selection, had ever been picked in First grade at that stage of their fledgling careers.

The Parramatta Selectors backed their judgement and made the decision based upon Ryan’s potential, selection in the **NSW U.17 Metro team** and his impressive bowling in the Poidevin-Gray Shield – **15 wickets @ 12.13** (B.B. – 4/22).

Ryan has fully justified the Selectors’ foresight and has grown in status season by season in First Grade:

- In 2022/23 he consolidated his spot and performed steadily to snare 17 wickets @ 27.94 (B.B. – 3/34).
- The 2024/25 season proved to be a watershed point for Ryan, with a couple of First grade seasons under his belt he ‘*came of age*’ and became a key member of the team’s attack with his leggies adding variety to the lineup and assisting Parramatta to claim the coveted **Belvidere Cup**. Now involved in all formats he delivered a pleasing **35 wickets @ 25.06** (B.B. – 4/24).
- At the mid-point of the current 2025/26 season, he is again amongst the wickets in all formats – **24 wickets @ 29.80** (B.B. – 4/44 v. Wests).

For such a young cricketer Ryan Gupta has already chalked up an impressive list of accomplishments:

- Cricket NSW Under 16 Metro Challenge Squad (2020/21).
- Under 17 Metro Academy Squad for 2022/23.
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- Under 19 Metro Academy for 2023/24.
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- New South Wales Colts (2024/25).
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- NSW Second Eleven v. Victoria (2025/26).
- Australian Universities Team v. Indian Universities (2025/26)

Ryan is following in a long line of top-class wrist spinners that have represented the Parramatta District First grade team, players such as the great Richie Benaud (Test captain), Doug Ring (Bradman’s 1948 team), Les Pye (NSW) and Jack Treanor (took a hat-trick in his first Sheffield Shield match for NSW), Lou Benaud, Michael Wood, Jim Stone etc. Hopefully, Ryan will join that elite band and reap a large haul of wickets for Parra and then kick on to become a first-class cricket representative in future seasons.

Ryan Gupta’s Parramatta Playing Statistics – to mid-2025/26 Season.

Grade	Runs	H.S.	Ave.	Wickets	Ave.	B.B.
A.W.G Green	0	0	0	23	14.26	4/18
P. - Gray	11	3*	11.00	49	15.00	6/31
5th Grade	1	1*	0	1	24.00	1/24
4th Grade	0	0	0	1	47.00	-
2nd Grade	54	26*	54.00	13	22.23	3/23
1st Grade	36	16	7.20	78	25.81	4/24
Total Grade	91	26*	13.00	93	25.52	4/24
<i>Total Club</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>26*</i>	<i>12.75</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>20.82</i>	<i>6/31</i>

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