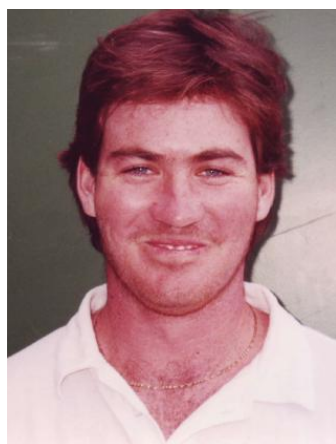


## Tim McMahon – The Dasher

Tim McMahon was a product of the highly regarded Kings Langley junior club. The tall right-hander was a batsman with talent to burn. A knock-about-bloke who enjoyed a bet, a beer and either a cricket bat or racing form guide in his hand. Many observers felt that with a more disciplined focus, he would have ascended to first-class cricket – he did in fact play for the NSW 2<sup>nd</sup> eleven.

Either opening or in the middle-order he had the ability to tear bowling attacks apart, through the sheer power and aggression of his entertaining stroke play. A batsman with the ability to warrant a place in the Parramatta (Cumberland) teams of any era.

Tim probably arrived in NSW Premier Cricket a generation too early, at his peak he would have fitted right into the mould of batsmen that the NSW and Big Bash selectors favor in the current era. In full flow he was a treat to watch, fierce driving on both sides of the wicket teamed with ravishing pull shots and the strength to *'clear the pickets, a crowd-pleaser.'*



He first entered the Parramatta ranks via the traditional path of A.W. Green Shield and in his second season in this competition (1986/87) he compiled 254 runs @ 31.75 (H.S. – 84) and showed himself to be a batsman of definite promise.

Tim first made people sit up and take notice of his ability with a sparkling **102\*** in 5th Grade in 1986/87. But after that fine start, he stagnated a little, taking the next four seasons to fully embrace grade cricket. A punishing **130\*** in 4th grade in 1989/90 ultimately proved to be the trigger that propelled him into 2nd grade. Then over the next three seasons he dominated 2nd grade (**1,304 runs @ 40.75 [H.S. – 145]**) but couldn't find his rhythm

when given an opportunity in 1st grade and fluctuated between the top grades.

The long-awaited breakthrough came in 1993/94 when, with the encouragement of skipper Brett Williams, he finally unleashed his natural attacking game in 1st grade, and this positive approach to his batting resulted in a splendid **604 runs @ 40.25 (H.S. -106)** and established Tim as a batting mainstay in Parramatta's *'march to a Belvidere Cup Grand Final'* showdown with the formidable Bankstown team.

From that point onwards McMahon forged a standing in Sydney, as one of NSW Premier Cricket's foremost 1st grade batsmen. This rating was reinforced by his prolific outputs in 1997/98 (805 runs), 1998/99 (826 runs) and 1995/96 (619 runs). This level of performance saw him selected in the NSW 2<sup>nd</sup> Eleven in 1998/99. His career with Parramatta extended from **1986/87 to 2000/01**, after which he transferred to the Northern Districts Club.

In **All Grades** with the Parramatta District Cricket Club, he scored **6,709 runs @ 30.63 (H.S. – 145)**. This included **twelve centuries** – 1<sup>st</sup> grade (7), 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (3) and 5<sup>th</sup> grade (1).

Grade	Runs	Highest Score	Average	Catches
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	4,531	130	29.61	51
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	1,304	145	40.75	20
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	164	54	16.40	7
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	503	130*	25.15	8
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	207	102*	51.75	0
<b>Total All Grades</b>	<b>6,709</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>30.63</b>	<b>86</b>

A.W. Green Shield	278	84	30.89	2
Poidevin-Gray	266	64	22.17	2
<b>Total Club</b>	<b>7,253</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>30.22</b>	<b>90</b>

# Hit man of the century

TIM McMahon, the man Parramatta Cricket Club dubs, their "Hollywood" produced an "Academy Award" performance as he smacked a brilliant century for the home team against Wests at Old Kings Oval on Saturday.

McMahon, 25, with more shots than a cricket coaching manual could offer, made a sparkling 137 in Parramatta's mammoth first innings total of 8/397.

Following up from the previous week's 115 against Sutherland, the tall right-hander showed all his style in making top score for the afternoon.

Blond skipper Gavan Twining, a schoolteacher by profession, also gave the Wests' bowlers a lesson in compiling 69, while the consistent Robert Aitken remained unbeaten on 53 at stumps.

McMahon, who works in the racing industry, batted like a thoroughbred, scoring runs at a scorching pace, compared only to the sizzling speed of high class sprinting bolt on raceday.

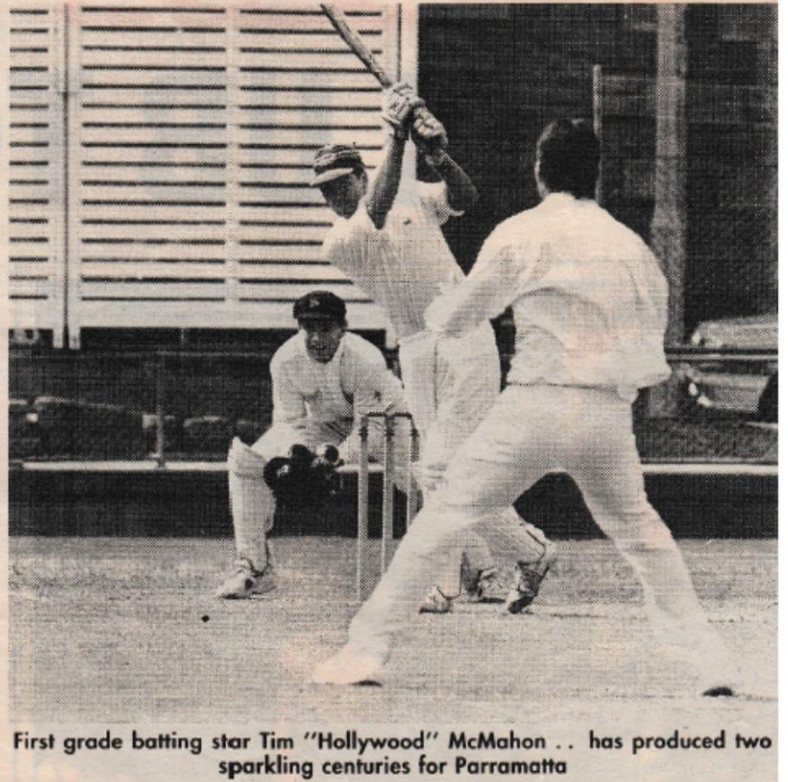
Meanwhile, in second grade, Parramatta bowled out Wests for 208 and are 2/84 in reply.

Former first grade skipper Craig Bayldon had a fine allrounder's performance taking 3/37 with the ball and is 13 not out with the bat.

Parramatta third grade was dismissed for 243 with Michael Wood (63) and Mark Collison (37) the chief run-getters. Wests are 1/39 in reply.

Parramatta's fourth grade was 9/266 at stumps with James Wood making (98), Michael Gordon (42) and Alex Murphy (37).

Fifth grade has always secured first innings points for Parramatta scoring 8(dec)-154 and they rolled Wests for 83) and have them in trouble in the second innings at 7/11. Parramatta's Garth Middleton made 64 not out and Matthew Hilder (4/15), Graeme Garrett (3/19) and Ken Golder (2/11) took the honors with the ball.



First grade batting star Tim "Hollywood" McMahon . . has produced two sparkling centuries for Parramatta

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