

## Brothers Noorbergen

The Parramatta District Cricket Club is fortunate to have within its ranks two talented and highly promising brothers – **Jay and Blake Noorbergen**.

Both brothers are athletic, strong and gifted sportsmen. On the cricket field elder sibling **Jay** is a quality wicketkeeper/batsman who has shown definite leadership qualities, as evidenced by his selection several times, so early in his career, as a fill-in captain of the Club's Second Grade team, whilst **Blake** has created excitement throughout the Parramatta Club as an outstanding, free-stroking batsman with the potential to ultimately rise to first-class cricket levels.



Jay was the first to arrive on the Parramatta landscape after coming through the club's junior academy and progressing to A.W. Green Shield in **2019/20**, where he exhibited clear flair as batsman (**172 runs @ 21.50** (H.S. – 71) and competency as a gloveman (**6 catches**). This season also marked his entry into the NSW Premier Cricket ranks with a full season in **Fifth grade** learning the nuances of grade cricket (apart from a match in Fourth grade in which he didn't bat but pulled off a fine stumping).

His '*first up*' performances showed him to be a youngster with higher grade potential – solid stats backed this view – **172 runs @ 24.57** (H.S. – 57\*) from the middle-order and **25 dismissals** behind the stumps (23 ct / 2 st).

The **2020/21** season saw Jay '*leap up*' the club's grade ranks; after scoring a stylish 56 runs and snaring 2 catches in a solitary **Third grade** match he was elevated to **Second grade** where he spent the remainder of the season creating a fine impression with his sound wicketkeeping pocketing **19 dismissals** (16 ct / 3 st). Like a lot of younger cricketers '*learning their game*' the **2021/22** season saw him play a mixture of Second and Third grade games, whilst his batting (107 runs @ 9.27) still tended to play second-fiddle to his blossoming wicket keeping (**26ct / 2 stumpings**) – **5 ct v. Sydney**.

**2022/23** proved to be a landmark season for Jay and laid the foundations for his permanent residency in Second grade. At last, his latent batting talent surfaced, and he compiled a solid **263 runs @ 23.91** – highlighted by a standout **85 v. Bankstown**, in which he shared a **7<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership** of **170 runs** with Jacob Workman. Behind the pegs his proficiency yielded **27 dismissals** (24 ct / 3 st).

In the 2024/25 season he produced his best batting form to date compiling an impressive **381 runs @ 38.10** – highlighted by two splendid knocks:

- **117 v. Sydney** [his first century] – combining with D. Vemulapalli to record a **5<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 176**.
- **75 v. Northern Districts** in the Qualifying Final.

Jay represented the **Australian Under 22 Indoor Cricket Team** in 2024 and **captained** that team in 2025. He is ripening into a fine keeper/batsman with a long fruitful career at Parramatta stretching before him. To mid-season 2025/26 his Parramatta District Cricket Club Statistics are:

Grade	Runs	H.S.	Average	Catches	Stumpings
A.W. G. Shield	172	71	21.50	6	0
P.G. Shield	424	80	26.50	18	2
5th Grade	172	57*	24.57	23	1
4th Grade	0	0	0	0	1
3rd Grade	142	56	17.75	22	1
2nd Grade	1,137	<b>117</b>	22.30	101	8
<b>Total Grade</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>20.44</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Total Club</i>	<i>2,047</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>22.25</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>15</i>



From the onset of Blake's three season stint in the **A.W. Green Shield (2021/22 to 2023/24) – 774 runs @ 48.38** [placing him **fourth** on the all-time Parramatta A.W.G. run-getters list, former Test player **Greg Matthews** leads the way with **1,024 runs @ 64.00** – marked the younger Noorbergen brother as a natural cricketing talent who looks destined for an exciting career in the years ahead.

Batting in a power-laden, spontaneous and uncomplicated fashion is the pivotal element of his game, but he also brings an all-round component to the table via his sharp and alert fielding and handy part-time off-spin bowling.

After a glimpse of his budding prowess in his initial two A.W.G. seasons Blake exploded into action in **2023/24** blasting a competition best of **427 runs @ 85.40** (highlighted by a brilliant **145** v. Gordon, **87\*** v. Easts, **76\*** v. Manly, **56\*** v. Campbelltown) and captaining Parramatta to the Grand Final against Manly. These performances won Blake the honour of being chosen as the **A.W. Green Shield Player of the Year**.

Blake commenced his formal tilt at NSW Premier Cricket in **2022/23** in **Fourth Grade** and impressed immediately with his maturity, all-round proficiency and the ease in which he settled into this new senior cricketing environment. With the bat he struck **327 runs @ 36.33** (H.S. – **87** v. Sydney) and his off-spinners snared **15 wickets @ 21.07** (B.B. – **3/23** v. Sydney). He was also a member of the Parramatta **A.W. Green Shield Premiership winning** team and was recipient of the Parramatta club's **John Benaud (Rookie of the Year) Award**.

The **203/24** season proved to be a monumental season for this rising young player he was outstanding with the bat:

- Blasting **four** centuries – **145** in A.W. Green Shield, **100** v. Campbelltown and **109\*** v. UNSW in Third Grade and on promotion to Second grade he struck a classy **101\*** v. Bankstown.
- Totalled a notable **602 runs @ 60.20** in NSW Premier Cricket (2nd grade – 152, 3rd grade – 450).

These performances established Blake's credentials as one of the most promising young batsmen in Premier Cricket and saw him take out the Parramatta club's much sort-after **Cumberland Medal** (joint winner with Michael Sullivan) plus the **Sid Teale Award** for being the club's **Most Improved Under 21 Player**.

Blake also tasted representative selection in the **NSW U17 Metro squad**, **U19 NSW All Schools team**, **A.W. Green Shield Merit team**, and the **2024/25 U19 Metro Academy squad**.


Excellent form in Second grade – **443 runs @ 49.22** (Best – **85** v. Bankstown, **74** v. Sydney University, **81** v. Penrith, **59** v. Blacktown) resulted in the budding batting ace debuting in First Grade and thereby becoming **Parramatta District Club's First Grade Player Number: 624**.

The 2024/25 season witnessed Blake continue to advance his representative career with selection in the **NSW All Schools Team** and the **NSW Metro U17** team, and in a nice touch he also made the **Australian U22 Indoor** team captained by his brother Jay. He also appeared for the **NSW U19 Metro** in 2025/26.

Another milestone in his career came in the 2025/26 season when he compiled his **initial** First grade century – **104** v. Manly. So far in this season Blake has amassed **339 runs @ 48.43** (1st grade 276, 2nd grade 63).

**His Parramatta District Club Statistics to date are:**


Grade	Runs	H.S.	Average	Wickets	Average
A.W. G. Shield	774	145	48.38	24	26.67
P.G. Shield	416	68	37.81	7	17.14
Fifth grade	14	14	14.00	0	0
Fourth grade	356	87	32.36	16	22.44
Third grade	450	109*	56.25	0	0
Second grade	658	101*	59.18	6	32.99
<b>First grade</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>25.77</b>	1	10.00
<b>Total Grade</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>109*</b>	<b>44.00</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24.39</b>
<i>Total Club</i>	<i>2,950</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>44.03</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>24.46</i>




## PARRAMATTA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

### THE ALBERT CUP - PREMIER CRICKET

### SECOND GRADE - 2023 / 2024



Back Row: Joey Franji (Volunteer), Rodney West (Volunteer), Tom Wood (Deputy Chair), Evan Pitt, William Jarman, Ben Abbott, William Affleck, Nilaathan Kulendran, Inset: Jenny Wise (Scorer)  
 Front Row: Aryan Malik, Joel Wright, Zach Johns (Captain), Owen Simonsen, Jay Noorbergen, Blake Noorbergen

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