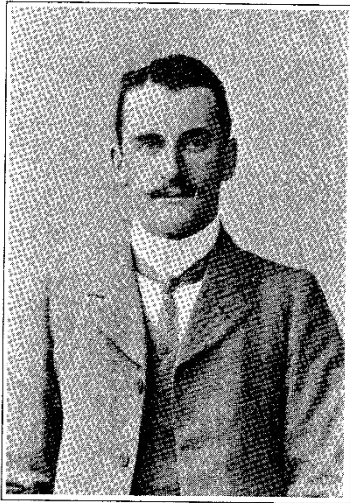


Parramatta District Cricket Club

Leslie Walter Pye – ‘An Unsurpassed Performance’

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Leslie Walter Pye (1871-1949) c.1895

Leslie Walter Pye was an iconic cricketer with the Parramatta District Cricket Club, in a First Grade career that stretched from 1894/95 to 1918/19 (although he filled in for the firsts in a game during the 1921/22 at the age of 51 years scoring 21 runs and claiming 5/44 v. St George). The brilliant allrounder a skilful and stylish top-order batsman, a crafty leg-spinner and outstanding slips fieldsman – one of only two players to score 7,000+ runs and capture 300+ wickets in NSW Premier First Grade Cricket for the Parramatta Club (M.A. Wood was the other player).

His full P.D.C.C. career statistics were – **7,806** runs @ 38.22 (H.S. – 244) and **480** wickets @ 20.02 (B.B. – 9/40) – this included 20 centuries and 25 five wicket hauls. Pye played 29 games for **NSW** scoring 1,189 runs @ 29.66 (H.S. – 166 on debut in 1897) and claiming 62 wickets @ 24.93 (B.B. – 5/29).

In November 1898 Les Pye produced the greatest individual performance ever made in NSW Premier First Grade Cricket, in a match where Parramatta (then known as Central Cumberland) took on Leichhardt. Leichhardt batted first and Les opened the bowling with Test off-spinner Bill Howell and his sharp turning leg-spin demolished the Tigers as he grabbed **9/40**. Pye’s dream match continued when he opened Cumberland’s batting and played superbly to register a massive **244**.

Pye’s Unsurpassed Match Scoreboard:

Leichhardt

A. Diamond	c. Howell b. Pye	14	L. Pye	c. Evans b. Connell	244
Meaney	c. Farquhar b. Pye	4	B.W. Farquhar	st. Evans b. Woolcott	18
Jansen	b. Pye	0	E.L. Waddy	b. Connell	17
G. Noble	b. Pye	0	J.C. Wilson	b. Morgan	100
Culver	c. Howell b. Pye	4	E. Fitzgerald	c. Diamond b. Connell	34
Ashdown	b. Howell	5	E. Miller	b. Morgan	0
Evans	Not out	5	A. Hull	Not out	23
Howe	b. Pye	1	D.P. O’Reilly	Not Out	18
P. Woolcott	c. Doyle b. Pye	0			
Morgan	st. Loveridge b. Pye	9			
Connell	c. O’Reilly b. Pye	26			
Sundries		5		Sundries	11
	Total	73		Total	465
Bowling:				Connell 3/93, Morgan 2/92,	
	W. Howell 1/28			Woolcott 1/75, Noble 0/104,	
	L. Pye 9/40			Jansen 0/44, Culver 0/16	

