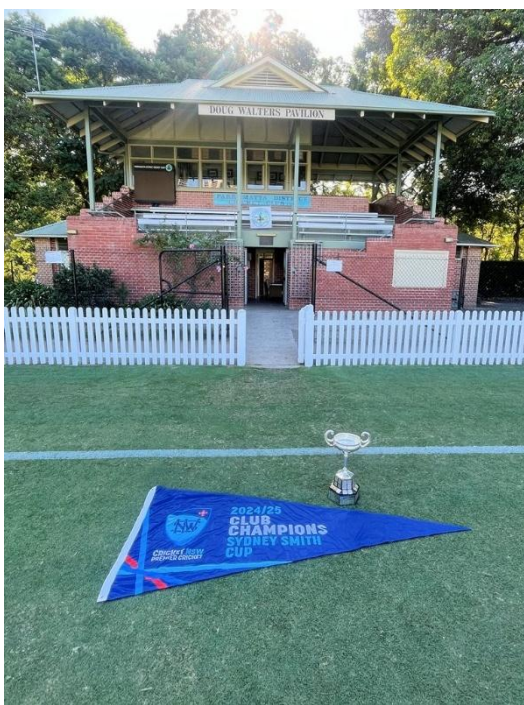


Parramatta District Cricket Club

2024/25 A Golden Summer

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The Parramatta District Cricket Club foundation member of the inaugural NSW Premier Cricket's First grade competition in 1893/94 enjoyed a '**Golden Summer**' in 2024/25, highlighted by the winning of the coveted **Club Championship** for only the third time. It had been a long frustrating wait for the 'Two-Blues' – the previous wins were way back in 1969/70 and 1972/74 – backed by near misses in 2017/18 and 2022/23.



What a season 2024/25 turned out to be, rivalling 1973/74 the greatest seasons the historic club has produced.

2024/25 – Parramatta's achievements were:

1. NSW Premier Cricket - Belvidere Cup First Grade Premiers (third time in the past 7 seasons [2027/18, 2022/23, 2024/25 – all captained by Nick Bertus).
2. NSW Premier Cricket - Third Grade Premiers (second time in 3 seasons – Matthew Giumelli captain each time).
3. NSW Premier Cricket - Fifth Grade Premiers (Liam Gillies captain).
4. NSW Premier Cricket – Fourth Grade Semi-Finalists (Yusof Brown captain)
5. NSW Premier Cricket – Second Grade Qualifying Finalists (Owen Simonsen captain).
6. Poidevin-Gray Shield – Semi-Finalists (Patrick Xie captain).
7. A.W. Green Shield – Grand Finalists (Advik Ajithkumar captain).

By comparison the club's **1973/74** record read:

1. Second Grade Premiers (Ross Shepherd captain)
2. Third Grade Premiers (John Dwyer captain)
3. Fourth Grade Premiers (Laurie Stokoe captain)
4. Fifth Grade 'A' Premiers (Stan Teale captain)
5. First Grade Encouragement Award Winners (Bruce Neill captain)
6. Fifth Grade 'B' Encouragement Award Winners (Wally Cornock captain)
7. Poidevin-Gray Shield Grand Finalists (Doug Alderson captain)

Apart from the above wonderful seasons on the next tier down Parramatta performed outstanding, winning both the First Grade and Third grade Premierships in the following season:

- **1899/00**
- **1964/65**
- **2022/23**

The 2024/25 Parramatta District Cricket Club's Club Championship winning Players and Coaches Group.

