

Isaac Earl – A Paceman in a Hurry



Isaac Earl, the Parramatta District Cricket Club's First grade opening bowler is a young paceman in a hurry. He made the meteoric rise from A.W. Green Shield in 2020/21 to sharing the new ball in Parramatta's Belvidere Cup winning team in **2024/25**.

Tallish and of a slim, wiry build Isaac is a clever fast-medium bowler of pin-point accuracy who possesses the ability to regularly seam and move the new ball. He '*persistently probes away*' pressuring opposing batsmen into a loose shot and the loss of their wickets.

He is also developing into a handy lower-order batsman, whose calmness at the crease has proved useful in a crisis over the past couple of seasons. This was best illustrated by his outstanding 54 not out in the **2024/25 Qualifying Final** v. Hawkesbury – with Parramatta in deep trouble at 6/135 Isaac dug in and guided them to an eventual match-winning total of 231.

Whilst in his final season of A.W.G. he also 'dipped his toe into NSW Premier Cricket' in Parramatta's Fifth grade team in **2020/21**. Straight away he stood out as a youngster of definite talent by capturing **28 wickets @ 10.89** – the showpiece being a devastating **7/14** to rout Manly.

Over the succeeding two seasons Isaac hovered between grades learning his trade and by 2022/23 he given a taste of Second grade by the club selectors and became a regular in the club's Poidevin-Gray Shield team.

Isaac's breakthrough season occurred in 2023/24 when strong early season form in Second grade – 17 wickets @ 12.52 (B.B. – 4/28) – propelled him to First Grade (Player Number – **621**). He took to the top grade like a '*duck-to-water*' retaining his opening bowling spot for the remainder of the season and playing in the Belvidere Cup Semi-Final against the powerful St. George team. Isaac's performance of **20 wickets @ 18.00** (B.B. – 4/28) was a promising performance from the youngster and made his season's total wicket haul an impressive **37 wickets @ 15.49** (1sts – 20 / 2nds -17).

The 2024/25 season saw it all come together for Isaac Earl, he formed an outstanding new ball partnership with the club's pace ace Michael Sullivan and this combination spearheaded Parramatta to claiming its third NSW Premier Cricket's First grade **Belvidere Cup** premiership since 2017/18.

At this juncture in his career Isaac has become a highly competitive and skilful paceman whose repeated accuracy and consistency is being rewarded with wickets. His 2024/25 all formats bag of **43 wickets @ 20.93** (B.B. – 5/31 v. Bankstown, 4/27 v. Sydney University, 4/58 v. Penrith, 4/63 v. Mosman, 6/30 v. Hawkesbury [QF]) bears testimony to his developing prowess.



The undoubted highlight of his 2024/25, apart from the receipt of his First grade premiership ring, was the wonderful individual performance he produced against Hawkesbury in the **Qualifying Final** – **6/30** with the ball and **54*** with bat in hand – a top-class all-round achievement.

His form continues into the current 2025/26 season in which he has snared **5/50** v. Sutherland and **5/27** v. Sydney University.

Parramatta Playing Statistics to 2024/25

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Ave</u>
A.W.G.	101	30	9.18	10	26.20
P.G's	269	58	16.81	24	24.42
5 th Grade	70	17*	14.00	28	10.89
4 th Grade	45	26	11.25	7	26.57
3 rd Grade	-	-	-	3	32.00
2 nd Grade	175	38*	21.88	22	23.77
1st Grade	234	54*	19.50	63	20.00
Total Club	894	58	15.96	157	20.49

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