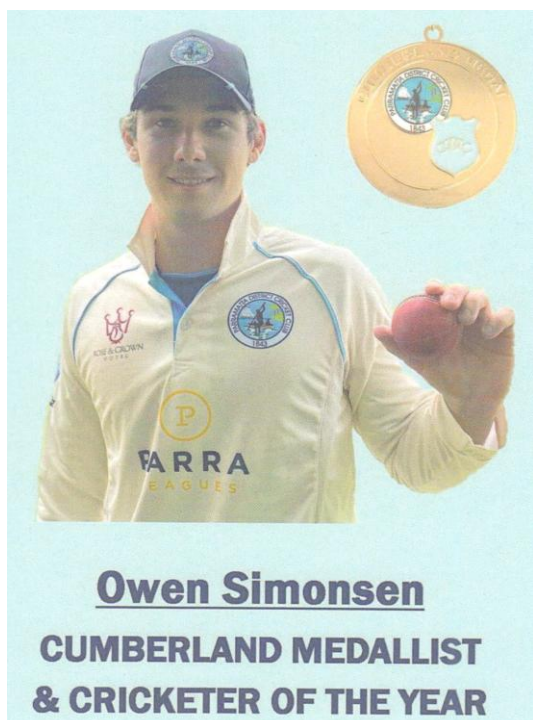


Parramatta District Cricket Club

Owen Simonsen – A Competitor.



Every NSW Premier Cricket Club needs an Owen Simonsen. A loyal true-blue clubman happy with his lot, whether it be playing in the First grade Limited Over or T20 teams or applying tactical ‘*cricketing nous*’ to captaining Parramatta’s Second grade team in the two-day games.

A bowling allrounder and sound fieldsman, Owen follows a long line of left-arm spin bowlers, such as Rupert Coogan, Johnny Aitken, Tony Radanovic, Geoff Williams and Michael Wood, who have provided yeoman service to the Parramatta District Cricket Club. After entering the NSW Premier Cricket competition via Third grade in the 2014/15 season he is now a hardened and experience slow bowler, primed and ready to enjoy the most fruitful years of his career.

With the ball in hand he is a competitor, terrier-like as he strives to ‘dry up runs’ and wear down the opposing batsmen’s patience. His current wicket haul includes **1st Grade 112** wickets @ 31.26 (B.B. – 4/43, 3/43, 3/32, 3/38, 3/21, 3/63), and **2nd grade 113** wickets @ 22.82 (B.B. – 6/50, 5/18, 5/49, 4/40). In recent seasons

he has primarily been a regular member of the First grade Limited Over and T20 attacks and developing his craft with long bowling spells in Second grade, where he is emerging as a thoughtful captain.

As a batsman he is attacking and dangerous around number 7 or 8 in the order and has often shown that he was ‘*up for the fight*’ in tight situations. He probably hasn’t consistently tapped into batting ability but over the years efforts like – 107* in A.W. Green Shield in 2013/14; 55 in P.Gs; 60 in 3rd grade; 60*, 90, 65 in 2nd grade; and 48; 41*, 73 in 1st grade – certainly confirm his potential to produce more runs in the future.

Owen enjoyed an outstanding season in 2020/21 and won the Parramatta club’s major awards – the prestigious Bill Anderson Memorial Award – **Cricketer of the Year** and the much sought after players player award the **Cumberland Medal**.

For a relatively young player, he has shared in more success than most grade cricketers with much longer playing careers could only dream about. Owen has featured in the following Premiership winning teams:

- 2016/17 – Poidevin-Gray Shield.
- 2017/18 – First grade Belvidere Cup.
- 2022/23 – First grade Belvidere Cup.
- 2024/25 – First grade Belvidere Cup.

PDCC – Career Statistics as at 2024/25

Grade	Runs	H.S.	Average	Catches	Wickets	Average	B.B.
A.W. Green Shield	215	109*	21.50	9	6	53.33	2/11
Poidevin-Gray Shield	373	55	14.35	14	37	23.43	3/28
Fifth Grade	27	16	9.00	-	2	39.00	2/73
Third Grade	332	60	17.47	12	25	32.24	4/52
Second Grade	992	90	22.04	30	113	22.82	6/50
First Grade	985	73	18.24	29	112	31.26	4/43
Total Grade	2,336	90	19.31	71	252	27.63	6/50
Total Club	2,924	109*	18.62	94	295	27.63	6/50

Owen Simonsen in action



(By Tom Wood – Parramatta District Cricket Club Historian)