



**MARK OSBORNE**

### **Class of 1979**

Mark Osborne is a former Sheffield Shield Cricketer. Whilst in Year 12, he represented the NSW Schoolboys team at the Australian Schoolboys Championship in Adelaide, performing well with both bat and ball. He was subsequently named 1980 NSW Schoolboy Cricketer of the year, as well as being selected in the Australian Schoolboy Cricket Team.

That same year, Mark was chosen to play for St George 1st grade and was a regular inclusion as a middle order batsman and right arm off spin bowler. He was selected in the NSW Sheffield Shield squad during the 1980/1981 season.

In 1984 he travelled to England to play for Teddington Cricket Club in the Middlesex County League. After capturing 97 wickets and helping Teddington to achieve their first League title in its history, Mark returned to Teddington in 1986 to achieve 103 wickets and 1257 runs. As of this year (2020), Mark is still the only player to achieve 100 wickets and 1000 runs in a season for Teddington.

Moving to Melbourne in 1987 for business, he was immediately selected in St Kilda Cricket Club's 1st XI where he finished off the year with some outstanding performances. At the start of the 1988/1989 season, he was awarded with selection in the Victorian Sheffield Shield team, where he played six Shield games and a tour match against the powerful West Indian team. Across the seven matches, he achieved a batting average of 20.2 runs including 58 not out against the West Indies, and he took 16 wickets at an average of 27. Whilst playing against NSW at the SCG he captured the wickets of Steve Waugh, Steve Smith and Greg Matthews with the figures of 3-67, and in the return match against NSW at the MCG, he captured 4-17 in the first innings, to help Victoria to complete a strong outright win over NSW.

Mark returned to Sydney in 1991 as Captain and Coach of the St George Club for three years and finished his career as Captain and Coach for South Sydney in the Sydney Sub District competition. He won five First Grade Premierships.

Mark holds a Bachelor of Business with a Major in Marketing and has held Sales, Marketing and General Management positions in technology and finance organisations. He is currently a Sales Director at Optus.