

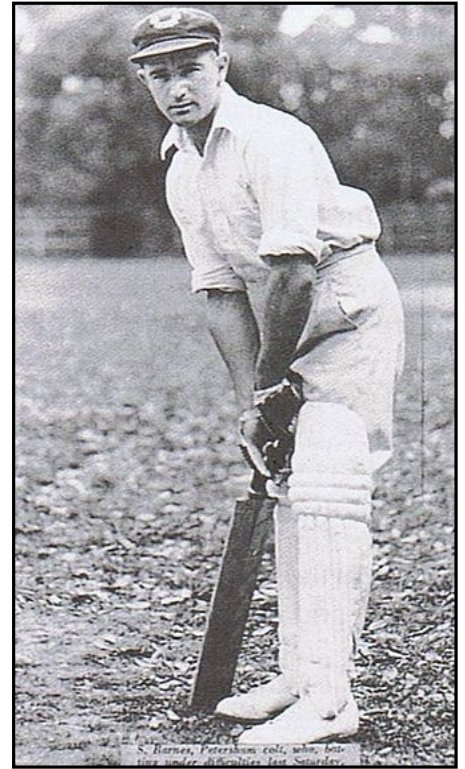
Sid Barnes

1916-73

- Born in Annandale and went to school at Stanmore Public School
- Played at Marrickville and Petersham Ovals
- Great opener and top order batsman, and a member of Bradman's Invincibles
- 13 Tests for Australia, scoring 1,072 runs at an amazing average of 63.05, with 3 centuries and a top Test score of 235
- 110 First class games (Australia & NSW) with 8,333 runs, 26 centuries
- Would have played many more Tests, but no Tests were played during WW2

Sidney George Barnes was born at Annandale on 5 June 1916 and educated at Stanmore Public School.

In 1934-35 aged 18 he joined the Petersham Cricket Club starting the season in 3rd Grade and finishing in Seconds. Early the following season after scoring 115 not out against Randwick in 2nd Grade and with an average of 103.50 was promoted to 1st Grade where he celebrated his elevation with a fine 113 playing Manly.



Barnes aged 16

In 1935-36 he won the 1st Grade batting aggregate for Petersham with 513 runs but it was the following season, 1936-37, where he stamped his mark as one of the most gifted and outstanding cricketers in Sydney Grade cricket totalling 723 at an average of 72.30. Having hit two centuries (148 v Marrickville and 116 v Manly) he scored 190 not out against North Sydney taking 40 runs (four sixes and four fours) off one eight ball over from state fast bowler "Ginty" Lush. By season's end and at just 20 years of age, Barnes had made his Sheffield Shield debut for New South Wales against South Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground scoring 31 and 44.

The following season, Barnes was chosen for the 1938 Australian tour of England. On that tour, he made his Test debut in the 5th Test at The Oval scoring 41 and 33 batting at number five. The intervention of World War II meant that Barnes didn't play another Test match for almost eight years.

Grade matches were played during the war years although almost all were one-day games. Over the four seasons from 1938-39, Sid's highest 1st Grade scores for Petersham were 160 against Gordon, 187 playing Marrickville, 165 v University and a huge 228 against Glebe. In 1942-43 he hit a Sydney Grade cricket record 1,333 which included centuries against North Sydney (125 not out), Paddington (123 not out), Randwick (108 not out) and Marrickville (112 not out). He also hit nine half-centuries. The next season Sid played for Waverley.

Sid Barnes scored 4,487 1st Grade runs in nine seasons with Petersham. He went on to play 13 Tests producing 1,072 runs with three centuries and five half-centuries. In his 110 first class matches he scored 8,333 runs at an average of 54.11.

It was quite often said that Sid Barnes had wonderful ability, second only to Don Bradman.