Apple of Mum's eye

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WHEN your mum used to be part of the Australian women's Test cricket squad, you might expect there to be a lot of pressure to do well in the sport as well.

But 15-year-old Daniel Anderson, the son of Denise Annett - who holds one of the highest batting averages in the sport - takes it all in his stride.

The year 10 student at St Leo's College Wahroonga has been playing cricket for eight years, and while he acknowledges his mum as one of the reasons why he took it up, at the end of the day he loves it for its social aspect.

"Being out there on the field will 11 of your mates, it's pretty awesome," he said.

That's not to say the Hornsby teen hasn't shown promising signs. Last season, Daniel topped the under-16 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket batting averages with 606 runs at 157.2 average.

That aggregate was the second highest in Australia for all junior players last season.

Daniel also captained the Northern District Green Shield squad. When cricket is not in season, Daniel plays rugby league with the Acquith Magpies.

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Cricketer and rugby league player Daniel Anderson, of Hornsby, is this week's Advocate Junior Sports Star nominee.

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