



Baines, Hunslet Cricket Trade Card

John Baines

£85



REF: 29483

Diameter: 7.2 cm (2.8")

Description

Baines Cricket Trade Card, Hunslet. Well Hit.

A rare circular cricket trade card in the shape of a leather cricket ball with seam. Made by the toy shop owner from Bradford, John Baines. Baines went on to produce not only football cards but eventually covered scores of different sports, from golf, cricket, tennis to horse racing and bowls, and just about any kind of sporting affiliations in just about every city, town and village in the UK. The cards were promoted in various prize competitions like finding certain "medal cards", collection a certain amount of empty packets. One could always submit a mini essay on sport with the winner having their writing printed on the backs of the cards. Hence why the backs are so varied and different.

The Baines card offered for sale is printed in a green tone with a picture of a young boy stood in the wicket playing cricket to the front with the words 'Well Hit, Hunslet'. To the reverse 'April 6th, 1919. Letter From Boy, Dear Sir, Now that the football is ending, For when I was bending, It was heart-rending; So to you I am sending, On a prize I am depending, So cheer up Mr Baines, With the best of luck. Walter Perry, 12 St. John Street, Bolton, Age 10. J. Baines, 32 Oak Lane, Bradford, reg. No. 80,607'.