



Denis Compton, Middlesex & England Cricket Bat  
John Wisden

Sold



REF: 28734

Height: 86 cm (33.9")

Width: 11 cm (4.3")

Depth: 6 cm (2.4")

## Description

Vintage Wisden 'Exceller' Cricket Bat.

A good willow cricket bat by Wisden of London. The "Denis Compton" autograph bat is in good condition with a lovely dark patina. The blade is embossed with Wisden and the Royal crest on each shoulder with the words 'By Appointment To His Late Majesty King George V'. The throat of the handle embossed 'Patent Exceller', blade embossed 'Denis Compton, Middlesex and England' with a facsimile Compton autograph, and three scimitars surmounted by the word 'Selected'. The rear of the bat embossed 'Selected' and 'Wisden's Patent "Exceller"'. Wisden also made lawn tennis racket called the "Exceller". The last image is a copy of an old advert from a 1930's cricket magazine.

From Wikipedia:-

Denis Charles Scott Compton CBE (23 May 1918 - 23 April 1997) was an English cricketer who played in 78 Test matches and spent his whole cricket career with Middlesex. He was also an accomplished footballer, who played most of his football career at Arsenal.

A right-handed batsman and left-arm unorthodox spin bowler, Compton is regularly credited as one of England's most remarkable batsmen. Indeed, Sir Don Bradman said he was one of the greatest cricket players he'd ever seen. He is one of only twenty-five players to have scored over one hundred centuries in first-class cricket. In 2009, Compton was posthumously inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. The Denis Compton Oval and a stand at Lord's Cricket Ground are both named in his honour.