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Baines, Chester Cricket Trade Card

John Baines

£85

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Diameter: 7.2 cm (2.8")

Description

Baines Cricket Trade Card, Chester. Well Caught.
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 red tone with a picture of a wicket-keeper to the front with the words 'Well Caught, Chester'. To the reverse '30 Bold Street, Runcorn, March 1921, Dear Sir, I can hardly express my thanks to you for my prize, which I received on my sending you 12 Medal Cards and a Rhyme, and I hope I have the luck to win one next year. I remain , Yours truly REGINALD CARRUTHERS. J. Baines, Sole Inventor And originator of the Famous Packet of Cricket and Football Cards, 32 Oak Lane, Bradford, reg. No. 80,607'.

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