



Lords Cricket Bat Signed by England and Pakistan 1978

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Height: 61 cm (24")

Width: 13 cm (5.1")

Depth: 7 cm (2.8")

Description

Miniature Duncan Fearnley Cricket Bat, 1978 England - Pakistan.

A nice miniature Duncan Fearnley cricket bat with 11 original pen signatures on the front of the bat of the 1978 England Team, to the rear are 11 original pen signatures of the 1978 Pakistan Team. The signatures are very crisp and readable. The 17" bat has a cord handle and is in good condition, mounted onto a mahogany board with brass plaque 'England V Pakistan 1978 Lords'.

The Pakistan cricket team toured England in the 1978 season to play a three-match Test series against England. England won the series 2-0 with 1 match drawn. The game at Lord's (where this bat is from) was won by England by an innings and 120 runs, with Ian Botham being player of the match. The two teams were Mike Brearley, Graham Gooch, Clive Radley, David Gower, Graham Roope, Geoff Miller, Ian Botham, Bob Taylor, Chris Old, Phil Edmonds and Bob Willis for England. The Pakistan side consisted of Mudassar Nazar, Sadiq Mohammad, Mohsin Khan, Haroon Rasheed, Javed Miandad, Wasim Raja, Talat Ali, Wasim Bari, Iqbal Qasim, Sikander Bakht and Liaquat Ali.

Charles Duncan Fearnley was a first-class cricketer and commonly known as Duncan Fearnley. After retirement as a player, became a producer of cricket bats, the 3 wicket symbol being synonymous with his equipment.

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Fearnley Cricket traces its roots back to 1955 when a budding young cricketer, Duncan Fearnley began his trade as an apprentice with Senior Counties Bat Makers in Yorkshire.

Duncan, born in the cricket hotbed of Pudsey, Yorkshire was one of the youngest players to play Bradford League at 15 for Farsley.

His father was a woodwork teacher and his grandfather a cabinet maker, working with the grandfather of ex England Captain Raymond Illingworth, so it seemed destined that the young Yorkshire Cricketer would also follow a woodworking career. In 1955 Fearnley had just played for England Schoolboys and hoped for a career in professional cricket, but during the winter months had to supplement his income.

Fearnley decided he wanted to make bats and within the boundaries of Yorkshire there were many small batmakers. Fearnley was fortunate to get an apprenticeship with Senior Counties of Bridlington and made bats whenever he could around his cricket commitments.

The first bats Fearnley made were branded 'Tudor Rose', but soon they became known as 'Fearnley of Farsley'. In the winter months Duncan would sell these bats onto his friends to supplement his income.

Fearnley's main aim was to play professional cricket and though a phenomenal schoolboy cricketer could not make it into his Home County's 1st XI only managing to play for Yorkshire IIs.

He sought trials elsewhere to fulfil his ambition and in 1960 he was given the opportunity he had craved at Worcestershire.

Fearnley moved to Worcestershire as in those days a player had to live in the county for 12 months before he could play for his adopted County. He continued to make bats whilst dedicating his summers to the professional game.

After 8 years playing professionally at Worcestershire winning 2 Championships, Duncan played semi-pro for Lincolnshire...