

Presentation Cricket Bat, Cobbett London, Richard Daft.

Sold



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Height: 88 cm (34.6") Width: 11.5 cm (4.5") Depth: 5.5 cm (2.2")

## Description

A good Victorian cricket bat by Cobbett, in nice condition with good colouring and patina with silver presentation plaque. The engraving on the plaque reads "To A.W.Jones (Breckfield C.C.) BY RICHARD DAFT for all-round cricket, 1868". The bat is with rounded shoulders and flat rounded back. The blade is stamped 'COBBETTS' with 'RICHARD DAFT, NOTTINGHAM' in an oval shape.

Cobbett played for Middlesex many times and first played at Lord's in 1826. He moved to London shortly afterwards where he was employed by the M.C.C. Cobbett was also a cricket bat manufacturer located near to Lords cricket ground in north London.

Richard Daft was an English cricketer born in Nottingham in 1835. He was widely regarded as one of the best batsmen of his day with most of his major cricket played for Nottinghamshire and the All England Eleven. His best cricketing years were the 1860's and 70's. After cricket Daft had the principal sports shop in Nottingham, was also a partner in the Radcliffe-on-Trent Brewery and at one time he was the proprietor of the Trent Bridge Inn.