



Baines Blackburn Rovers Football Trade Card

John Baines

£145



REF: 29504

Diameter: 7.2 cm (2.8")

Description

Baines Football Trade Card, Blackburn Rovers.

A rare circular football trade card in the shape of a leather football ball. 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 brown sepia tone with a picture of a two football players to the front with the words 'Well Played, Blackburn Rovers'. To the reverse 'Prizes of Footballs, Bats, Jerseys, Etc., given to boys sending in the Best Rhyme or Essay Weekly with 12 Medal Football Cards, Post Paid. J. Baines, Sole Inventor And originator of the Famous Packet of Cricket and Football Cards, 32 Oak Lane, Bradford, reg. No. 80,607'.