

A HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL IN 100 OBJECTS

INDIVIDUAL CRICKET TROPHIES

Size: Bat: 4½in high, 3¼in base diameter/115mm x 85mm

Ball: 3¾in high, 3in base diameter/95mm x 70mm

Description: Both trophies are delicately wrought. The wood is varnished and the handle of the bat is wound in fine thread. The base of the bat has green baize glued to it, the base of the ball does not. The bat has not been awarded but the ball has a metal segment (chord 2¼in/55mm), attached with three metal pins.



Discussion: Cricket is a sport in which statistics are such that individual trophies for individual excellence are possible.

This bat trophy was never awarded. The ball trophy has award recipient details. It may have been presented or not claimed. It reads:

M.A.G.S.
J.LEES
6 for 40 v A.G.S.
1967

A bat trophy was awarded for a century and a ball trophy for taking five wickets in one innings. There is no found record as to when these trophies began.

In more recent times a mini-bat had been awarded for a century and a mounted cricket ball with the same kind of detail as above.

The first girl to receive a mounted ball was Ella Davis with the match ball with which she took 5 for 6 off 4.3 overs including 3 wickets off a maiden over in a First XI 20-over game against Marist on 2 March 2006. Ella was in Year 9 at the time.



Some cricket awards have changed over the years. In the very early days OS Hintz (1922-1924) began donating an annual bat for the "Best All-rounder in First Cricket XI." The first reference to it is in the prize list of 1932. This was a splendid gift at the height of the Great Depression. It was still being awarded in 1966. As this was an annual personal award it had a finite life.

Two autographed bats were donated as prizes and were awarded for "The Cricket Team with the best General Record" and for "The Most Improved Junior Cricket Player".

Also, there had been some confusion over doubled-up awards. In more recent times there has been a rationalisation of awards and in 2012 the cricket awards were:

Best All-Rounder in First XI Cricket (Boys)
The Jenner Scott Prize
Mrs DC Jenner Scott 1967.

Most Improved Player in First XI Cricket (Boys)
G.H. Bean, Eq. 1976.

Best Batsman in First XI Cricket (Boys)
Dr A.W. and Mr A.G. Gray 1958.

Best Bowler in the First XI Cricket (Boys)
First XI Cricket 1970.

Most Improved Cricket Player (Boys)
The School 1982.

Most Valuable Cricket Player in First XI Cricket (Girls)
The Laney-Guy Family 2008.

For Contribution to Cricket
The Burgess Family Cup 2012.

This last award has been given by a family who, over the years, has been influential in cricket circles, has made many gifts to the School and been significant players in the Old Boys' Association and its successor. Two of its members, Gordon and Graham, are Members of the Hall of Distinction.

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