

Bruce Arthur (St. David's) – 1968 to 1985

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Bruce Arthur was undoubtedly the greatest batsman to walk through the doors at St David's Cricket Club. Bruce was a short, stout man who relied on quick reflexes and a phenomenal eye to score his runs. Bruce played 190 games for St. David's and made 8493 runs at 40.63 with 11 centuries and 40 half-centuries. As a keeper he is recorded with 197 dismissals

Having played some baseball at an extremely high level and some Sub-District and District cricket at Kew and Carlton, Bruce came to the Saints with huge credentials.

He was also a very fine gloveman and the late Fred Watson was emphatic that Bruce Arthur was the best cricketer he ever saw. Bruce served as the club Secretary for six seasons and previously held the position of President for two. He even coached the under 16's for a period! This time frame included the years in which he was involved in a three-peat of 1st XI premierships which culminated in a McIntosh Shield in 1978-79.

His brother Les and nephew Ross, who are also club legends, enjoyed that premiership success with him. Bruce's name is littered on the St. David's Cricket Club honour board, where he won an astonishing 10 First XI batting averages and still holds the record for the clubs highest ever score; 197 against Blackburn North Cricket Club in 1982-83.

The winner of the batting averages in the first eleven at St David's receives the "Bruce Arthur Medal".