



Hazel Pritchard (R) walks out with fellow opener Ruby Monaghan at the inaugural Women's Test

Hazel "Girl Bradman" Pritchard

1913-1967

- Attended Newtown High School
- Test Cricketer 1935-51
- Faced first ball in Women's Test Cricket
- CricketNSW Hall of Fame
- Represented NSW in basketball

Hazel Pritchard holds the distinction of facing the first-ever ball in Women's Test cricket, when England travelled to Australia in 1935.

A stylish batter she played alongside Amy Hudson and Mollie Flaherty in 1937 on the first Australian tour of England. On the tour, she was Australia's most effective batter, scoring 306 Test runs at an average of 51.

Her performances drew comparisons to Don Bradman, and she was nicknamed the "Girl Bradman" – a serious compliment.

During the tour, Australia played Midlands District and Hazel achieved another first – a century by an Australian woman in England. She eventually scored 144 not out.

Hazel made her NSW debut in 1931 at the age of 17. During the 1936–37 season, she scored the first century in women's interstate cricket, retiring out after scoring 144 against Queensland.

She played six Tests for Australia. Unfortunately, the outbreak of the Second World War ended her cricket career.

