



Silver King Golf Ball
Silvertown Company

£350



REF: 30865

Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

Bramble Pattern Golf Ball, S(ilverKing).

A good example of a bramble patterned rubber core golf ball manufactured by Silvertown Company, The Works Factory, Wharf Road, City Road, Silvertown, London. The ball name 'S' in raised lettering on both poles. The ball is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples, and is not a common ball by any means.

The ball is approximately 4.3 cm in diameter.

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable. In later years, the 1920's, the design went back to a mesh pattern with lattice design.