



The Colonel Golonel Golf Ball
St. Mungo

£180



REF: 30859

Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

Bramble Pattern Golf Ball By St. Mungo.

A good example of 'The Colonel' bramble patterned rubber core golf ball. The golf ball is in well used condition and is manufactured by St. Mungo Manufacturing Co. of America, Newark, New Jersey and Glasgow. One pole is stamped 'The Colonel' in raised lettering around a single bramble, while the opposite pole has been worn away. It is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples, although quite smooth now.

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.