



The NB Golf Ball

£450



REF: 30066

Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

## Description

### Bramble Pattern NB Golf Ball.

A good rare example of a 'NB' bramble patterned rubber core golf ball. The NB golf ball is very rarely seen, is in good original condition and is manufactured by W.T. Henley's, 27 Martins Lane, Cannon Street, London, E.C. The ball is marked on both poles with raised lettering on a flattened circular disc, lettering going around a single central raised bramble. A great ball for a collection with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples.

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.