



Vintage Mesh Pattern Golf Ball, Henley

Sold



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Diameter: 4.1 cm (1.6")

Description

Henley Mesh Pattern Golf Ball.

A 1930's rubber core golf ball in good condition. The ball has a square mesh or lattice pattern and is called 'Henley'. The ball is marked in blue 'Henley' on one pole and 'England' on the other, it is with a mesh pattern on the surface of the ball. Maker unknown.

The ball is approximately 1 5/8 inch in diameter (4.1 cm).

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 as the ball described above.