



Dunlop Junior Bramble Golf Ball

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## Description

Dunlop Bramble Golf Ball.

A good example of a 'Dunlop Junior' bramble patterned rubber core golf ball. On the poles of the ball is the name 'Dunlop Junior' This model was manufactured by the Dunlop Sports Co. Ltd. in England, circa 1910.

The ball is approximately 1 5/8 inch in diameter (4.2 cm).

Dunlop was established around 1889 and manufactured rubber goods. The golf ball business was later established in about 1908 making the balls at their Birmingham plant. In the 1920's they branched out into tennis ball manufacture. Dunlop are now a well known world wide sporting brand.

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.