



National Bramble Golf Ball

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Description

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A good example of a bramble patterned rubber core golf ball. The ball is marked on 'Heleey Make' on one pole and 'National' on the other, circa 1910's. The ball is of classic bramble pattern of raised dimples.

The ball is approximately 1 11/16 inch in diameter (4.4 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.