No.12 Mesh Patterned 'B.I' Golf Ball

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Description

Antique Mesh Patterned 'B.I' Golf Ball.
This is a nice 1910's rubber core golf ball in near mint condition. The mesh or lattice pattern golf ball was manufactured by British Insulated Cables Ltd., Lancashire, England. The ball marked 'The B.I.' on both poles of the ball.

The ball is approximately 1 9/16 inch in diameter (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.

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