



Vintage Golf Ball, Mesh Pattern Warwick 50/50

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Diameter: 4.1 cm (1.6")

## Description

Dunlop Dimple & Square Pattern Golf Ball, Warwick

A unusually patterned 1920's Dunlop rubber core golf ball in original condition. The 'Warwick' is made up of combined square mesh and dimples to produce the attractive pattern.

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

Dunlop Sports Co., Ltd., in England, 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. In later years, the 1920's, the design went back to a mesh pattern with lattice design.