



Lead Tennis Figure
John Hill & Company

Sold



REF: 25554

Height: 4.5 cm (1.8")

Description

A unusual and rare lead male tennis figure made by John Hill & Company. He is in good condition with original paint but with some paint loss. The base is marked 'Johillco, England'. This single figure is ideal to go with stock No. 25553(male and female tennis players with net posts), as shown in the third image.

John Hill & Company (or Johillco) were in direct competition to another lead toy manufacture, 'Britains'. Johillco was started by a former employee of 'Britains', a Mr F. H. Wood, where the name of John Hill came from is unknown. In contrast to 'Britains', Johillco was the first British hollow cast figure company to sell their figures individually rather than in sets. They were also known to have produced souvenir items of the 1937 Coronation, such as boxed display cases for horse drawn carriages and models of King George the Fourth and Queen Elizabeth. In addition to the soldiers they made cowboys and Indians and many figures of knights.