Vintage Hazell Streamline Green Star Tennis Racket

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Height: 69 cm (27.2")

Width: 21.5 cm (8.5")

Depth: 3.5 cm (1.4")

Description

Hazell Streamline Tennis Racket, Green Star.
A good triple branch Green Star Streamline tennis racket made by Hazells' of 111-113 Mare Street, London E 8. The racket is in good condition, all transfers are bright in colour with slight rubbing to some. The leather grip is the original and it still has the leather butt cap with the Hazell 'H'. This is a great example of this iconic racket. Stringing has been replaced.
The throat with decal 'Green, with a five pointed STAR', on one side embossed on the other 'Hazells Ltd.'. Racket decal 'Hazells' Streamline, RegD & patented', with another decal showing all the countries the racket is patented in with their corresponding patent No. The countries being Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Holland, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, U.S.A. & Great Britain.

The last image shows a 1930's advert for the Hazell rackets and the U.S.A patent application.

The design of the Streamline racket was filed for patent in Great Britain on December 31st 1934 and in the United States of America nearly a year later, December 17th 1935. The patents were applied for by Frank W Donisthorpe, a former tennis player and its inventor. The company made tennis, badminton and squash rackets named red, blue and green star. They also produced a painted white and an aqua colour racket. Bunny Austin, the English tennis champion, actively promoted the Streamline racket. It was popular not just for its eye catching design but also for the practicality of its light weight.

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