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## Bronze John Ball Golf Figure

£1,430 + VAT

Reference: 20602

Height: 44.5 cm (17 1/2")

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### Short Description

John Ball Golf Figure, limited edition of only 85. This magnificent bronze stands 45 cm high and is a very recognisable study of John Ball, The statue is cast by one of Europe's leading foundries, the Morris Singer Foundry. The bronze is taken from an original figure, signed and dated 1898 by Alex Macleay, who exhibited at the Walker Gallery in Liverpool during the first quarter of this century. They say if major championships are the yardstick, no British player of any generation matches John Ball. He was 26 when he took his first title in 1888, and was in his 51st year when the eighth came his way in 1912.

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Mr. John Ball, Junior.

Born at Hoylake eight-and-twenty years ago, he comes of an old Cheshire stock; his fathers having been farmers in the parish of West Kirby for several hundred years. Yet he might never have become famous had he not learned to play the ancient game of golf. He has, however, acquired so much skill in that means of passing time that he has won all the scratch prizes given in Hoylake. He has twice been amateur champion; has won the St. George Challenge Vase four times in succession, and-greatest triumph of all - has once carried off the Open Championship: a feat which has yet been achieved by no other amateur. He is now inclined to be the best non-professional golfer in England; and if he putted better he would probably be invincible. As it is, his cleek play is his best point.

He is a retiring, well-favoured young person, yet he is liked. He knows how to run a hurdle-race, he is a good man to hounds, and he is a fair shot. He also knows something about farming; and he is very nearly a teetotaller.

His common name is "Johnnie." Jehu Junior.

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## More Information

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