



Golf Cigaret Card Photograph, John Ball

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Height: 6.4 cm (2.5")

Width: 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Ogden Tab Cigarette Card Of John Ball.

A good posed shot of the eight times Open Champion golfer, John Ball. The Ogden's cigarette card with distinctive black border, 'Ogden's Cigarettes, Mr. J. Ball' and a main photo image of Ball. Tobacco cards / cigarette cards are trading cards issued by tobacco manufacturers, often to stiffen cigarette packaging and to promote and advertise their own brands. The cigarette companies often included collectible cards with their packages of cigarettes between 1875 and 1940's and often depicted actresses of the period, costumes and sports.

The Ogden Tab Cigarettes General Interest issue was a massive set, believed to contain around 1,560 cards, spread out over six series between 1901 & 1902. Whilst the set includes a large number of non-sporting subjects, it has a good number of sports cards from various sports, including boxing, golf, cycling, soccer, rugby, cricket, and more.

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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.

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.