Original Golf Painting of John Ball of Hoylake by Libero Prosperi

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Height: 31.5 cm (12.4")

Width: 18 cm (7.1")

Framed Height: 58.5 cm (23")

Framed Width: 45.5 cm (17.9")

Description

Original Golf Painting, John Ball by Libero Prosperi.
The original artwork of 'Mr. John Ball' for the Vanity Fair supplement. painted by 'Lib', the Italian artist Libero Prosperi.
Original painting of Golf Vanity Fairs are extremely hard to find so we are very pleased to be able to offer this wonderful painting for sale. John Ball by Lib. is probably the best example and certainly the print is one of the most popular of the golfing series.

When first published in the weekly additions of Vanity Fair each caricature would come with an amusing biography. 'Spy' is credited for all of the other golfing caricatures. In total 13 golfing caricatures were created, all but one of the supplements was taken from 'Vanity Fair', the single one was from 'The World'. Although all of the prints are associated with golf, only the first nine listed here are shown in a golfing manner. They are 1) Mr. Horace G.Hutchinson. 2) Mr. John Ball, junior. 3) Mure Fergusson, "Muir". 4) Mr. Horace Harold Hilton, "Hoylake". 5) Mr. Robert Maxwell, "North Berwick". 6) John Henry Taylor, "John Henry". 7) James Braid, "Jimmy". 8) H. Mallaby-Deeley, "The Prince of Princes". 9) The Right Honorable D.Lloyd George. The others in the set are, 10) The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, " the Irish Secretary". 11) The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, "Dialectics". 12) Mr. George D. Rowe, "A celebrated oarsman who prefers cricket to rowing and golf to both". 13) Marshall Roberts, "Easton Hall".

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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