Antique Golf Ball, W&D Baby

Wright & Ditson

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Diameter: 4.2 cm (1.7")

Description

Unusual Wright & Ditson Pebble Patterned Vintage Golf Ball.
A good example of an interesting, patterned rubber core golf ball, the pattern made up of studs within flat round discs. The golf ball is in good condition and is manufactured by Wright and Ditson, 344 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. One pole is stamped 'W & D BABY ' within the pebble pattern, while the opposite pole is the same, but the lettering is 'PAT AP 11-99'.

The ball is approximately 4.3 cm in diameter.

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable. In later years, the 1920's, the design went back to a mesh pattern with lattice design.

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