Colonel Trapezium Pattern Golf Ball

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Diameter: 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Unusual 'Colonel' Mesh Pattern Golf Ball.
A very unusual Trapezium patterned 1920's 'Colonel' Mesh rubber core golf ball in used condition. The pattern is made up of Trapeziums going around the ball making squares or mesh patterns. The ball is marked "Colonel" clearly on one pole, looks though it was on the second pole but has worn a way. This is a rather attractive golf ball with only one club mark on its surface.

The ball is approximately 1 9/16 inch in diameter (4 cm).

The golf ball is manufactured by St. Mungo Manufacturing Co. of America, Newark, New Jersey and Glasgow, Scotland. St. Mungo was one of the first licensees of the Haskell patent rubber core ball in the UK. Prior to the 1920's as there were no regulations in place, the golf ball was made in varying combinations of sizes and weight. With this large variety of balls a player was able to choose a ball depending on the wind conditions, temperature and the course choice of the day. St. Mungo offered a complete line of Colonel golf balls for this purpose. Some of the large lightweight balls would actually float on water giving them the nickname 'floaters'. In 1935 St. Mungo were making 32 different models of ball.

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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