Opresto Golf Ball, Bramble Pattern

James B. Halley & Co.

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Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

Bramble Pattern Golf Ball By Halley & Co. 'The Opresto'.
A very good example of a rare 'The Opresto' bramble patterned gutty golf ball. The moulded gutta percha golf ball is in very good condition and is manufactured by James B. Halley & Co., 76 Finsbury Pavement, London. The ball is marked 'The Opresto 27' on a raised circular band, containing 7 brambles, on both poles of the ball.It is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples.

The ball is approximately 1 11/16 inch in diameter (4.3 cm).

The solid gutty golf ball replaced the feathery ball because of its cost effectiveness, as a gutty could be rolled in a matter of minutes, and slowly the game of golf became affordable to the masses. The 'Gutty' era lasted from around 1848 well into 1900's.

To make a gutty golf ball first the gutta-percha was heated and loosely rolled into a ball shape. The ball was then put into the mould and then placed into a press. The press would imprint the pattern onto the ball and the excess would squeeze out of the sides. The seams were then trimmed when cool, leaving a hard and non-brittle "Gutty" golf ball. The durability of the gutta along with its lower costs and better play rejuvenated the game of golf.
Gutta-percha is the evaporated latex produced from a tree, mostly found in Malaysia.

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