# St. Mungo Golf Ball By MFG.Co

St. Mungo

£550

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Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

St. Mungo Bramble Golf Ball.
A very nice bramble pattern golf ball with original paint which remains bright and with minimal paint loss. The gutta percha covered, rubber core, golf ball is marked 'St. Mungo, MFG. Co.' on a raised circle, with seven brambles in its center, on both poles of the ball, known as the Vardon Flyer style. The bramble pattern is of brambles within concentric rings, raised dimples.

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.



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