Vintage Golf Ball, The Link With Bramble Pattern

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Diameter: 4.2 cm (1.7")

Description

The Link Rubber Core Bramble Golf Ball.
A good example of a moulded bramble patterned rubber core golf ball. The golf ball is in good condition, manufactured by Helsby Company (British Insulated & Helsby Cable, Ltd.) Helsby, Warrington, England. The ball is marked in raised lettering, 'The Link', around a central green dot bramble on both poles, the ball is in used condition with some nicks and original paint and is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples.

The ball is approximately 1 5/8 inch in diameter (4.2 cm).

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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