



Slazenger Special Demon Tennis Racket With Fishtail Handle

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REF: 28565

Height: 69 cm (27.2")

Width: 21 cm (8.3")

Depth: 3.3 cm (1.3")

Description

Antique Slazenger Fishtail Racket, Special Demon.

A fine quality oval head 'Special Demon' fish tail lawn tennis racket by Slazenger & Sons. The ash frame in good condition, top stamped 'Special Demon', complete with a well grooved fishtail handle. The convex walnut wedge stamped with the DEMON device trademark and the 'Slazengers' signature stamped in gold. The racket with replaced period thick gut stringing, having three rows of trebling top and bottom.

This is a great piece for any tennis collection.

There are two images taken from a 1915 Slazengers catalogue of the advert for 'The Demon' lawn tennis racket.

It states:-

CAUTION "The Demon" racket has the largest sale of any racket, and has induced unprincipled dealers to introduce spurious imitations; we, therefore, beg to caution the public to see that "The Demon" is stamped on every racket.

The fishtail (fish tail) was an innovation in the Victorian period and was an attractive gimmick to help tennis players to grip their rackets. They were manufactured approximately from the 1890's to the 1920's and their shapely handle is always an attraction to the collector.