Antique 'Springvale Hawk' Bramble Golf Ball

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Description

'S.Vale Hawk' Bramble Golf Ball.
A good example of a ' Springvale Hawk' bramble patterned rubber core golf ball. The golf ball is in fair condition and is manufactured by Hutchison Main & Co., Glasgow Scotland. The ball is marked 'S. Vale Hawk' on both poles and is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples. Circa 1900's. Other ball names also made by Hutchison include The Eagle, Falcon, Kite and Rampant.

The ball is approximately 1 3/4 inch in diameter (4.4 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.

Hutchison Main & Co. were took over by North British Rubber Co., Ltd. Edinburgh, in 1912.

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