



Gutty Golf Ball By Morris Of Hoylake

£750



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Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

## Description

Solid Mesh 'Hoylake' Gutter Golf Ball.

A solid moulded square mesh patterned gutta percha golf ball in great condition. The 1870's gutter ball made by Hoylake's (Royal Liverpool Golf Club) 1st professional John (Jack) Morris. The ball name 'Morris Hoylake' in inverted lettering on a circular band on both poles of the ball, inner circle with mesh pattern.

The ball is approximately 4.3 cm in diameter.

John (Jack) Morris was born in St Andrews in 1847 and was the son of George and nephew to the great Old Tom Morris. George was the older brother of Tom. When George was appointed as the first professional at Carnoustie the family also moved with him. In 1869, George Morris and Robert Chambers laid out the first twelve hole course at Hoylake (Royal Liverpool Golf Club) and Jack was the professional for the first 60 years of the club's existence.

The Royal Liverpool Golf Club is a Links course in Merseyside, in the North West of England. Their Clubhouse is located in the small town of Hoylake, consequently the course is often referred to as Hoylake. It was founded in 1869 on what was then the racecourse of the Liverpool Hunt Club and Robert Chambers and George Morris (younger brother of Old Tom Morris) were commissioned to lay out the original course. The course was extended to 18 holes in 1871 when it also received the 'Royal' designation due to the patronage of the Duke of Connaught of the day, who was one of Queen Victoria's younger sons. Hoylake has a long and distinguished history of golfing firsts. It was originator and host to the inaugural men's amateur championship in 1885, which became The Amateur Championship. It was host to the first ever international match between Scotland and England in 1902. It hosted the first Home International matches, and the first transatlantic contest between Great Britain & Ireland and the USA in 1921, an event which became the Walker Cup the following year. In fact, it is Royal Liverpool Golf Club's contribution to the amateur game that has set it apart from all other clubs in England.