

WHAT MAKES DAVID HOWELL SUCH A GREAT PUTTER?



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Winner 2013



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Hi David,
It's been a while since we last made contact.

I would like to wish you all the best for the 'run in' and especially at the Monty Royal this week.
We will be watching at the weekend ☺

I have a question? ...if you have time?
I see you have had again a wonderful year on the greens, congratulations, top 3 again on the stats!
But if you don't mind me asking, what is your secret to good putting?

I often use you as an example to my pupils saying that you are a great putter.
It would be great to back that up with why you think you are so successful ☺

I hope to hear your thoughts.
All the best my friend,

David Howells Answer:

Ha funny timing, I had a great day on the greens yesterday, superb putting.

So my theory is this ... Eyes over the ball, shaft and forearm in one line. Ball forward of sternum. If ball dropped from left eye it would hit my putter head.

Hands slightly forward, stroke led by the shoulders, no wrist break, head perfectly still until stroke finished.

That's the mechanics, then there is the art, great aiming done through loads of drills, and most important of all, great green reading, at my level this is the most important thing.

However no one can read puts perfectly, I'm working hard on trying to read the true break of the putt at the moment. Everyone under reads and over aims, even the best pros, I'm working diligently on trying to match up those two things, see the true break and then aim correctly.

At the end of the day though, it's just like someone playing bowls, its touch and feel. Can that be learned? I guess so but it's also a little bit in built I guess.

Oh and my routine is very consistent.
Long answer Paul, but it's been 30 years in the making!!

DAVID HOWELL Stats	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Average Putts Per Round	28.88	28.74	28.67	29.55	28.97	28.91	28.40	28.29