



First Look

Equipment expert Madeleine Winnett with her round-up of the latest gear to hit the market



Cobra Transition S

THE grips are perfectly sized, and give very good grip and feel. Visually, I'm not a big fan of offset heads and wide soles, but I can't fault how they work.

The utility metals (four and five iron replacements), which I mistook for fairway woods, feel incredibly short. In fact, I thought I'd got a child's club when I first picked up the five wood – but the ball flew effortlessly down the centre of the fairway with a touch of draw. It had plenty of height – excellent if you hit the ball too low.

The clubs are light and flexible, but thankfully don't feel too whippy during the swing. I can't fault them for ease of use and accuracy. I didn't want to like them for their shortness, big soles and offset heads, but they have to be one of the most idiot-proof sets of irons I have ever tried!

I even liked the sand wedge – and I hardly ever like a standard sand wedge that comes with a set – having played the most exquisite, delicate cut up shot out of the rough with it. Very impressive all-round performance.

SRP: £659 (4-SW, graphite)
www.cobragolf.co.uk
01480 301 114

Daily Sports Lightweight Wind Pants

I HAVE never liked golf trousers much before (they all seem to be too baggy around the thighs) – but I love these!

And I'm not alone. The first time I wore them they drew several admiring compliments.

The lining is beautifully soft, making the trousers warm,

and the 100 per cent polyester micro fibre material is water-repellent.

The waist band has four adjustable settings for a perfect fit. They are smart, comfortable and practical – all you could ask for.

SRP: £62
www.golf2golf.co.uk
01442 219 700



Under Armour Cold Gear Mock

WELL, I know why this is called compression wear now – it certainly compresses everything! It was a strange sensation, because there was no restriction of movement anywhere.

In fact I probably moved better as my muscles warmed up and stayed warm, but I was constantly

aware of how tight it felt.

It's excellent for keeping you warm yet sweat free, looks very smart under a jumper, and undoubtedly helped my bad back – but I think I'd cheat and opt for a couple of sizes bigger next time!

SRP: £35
www.underarmour.com

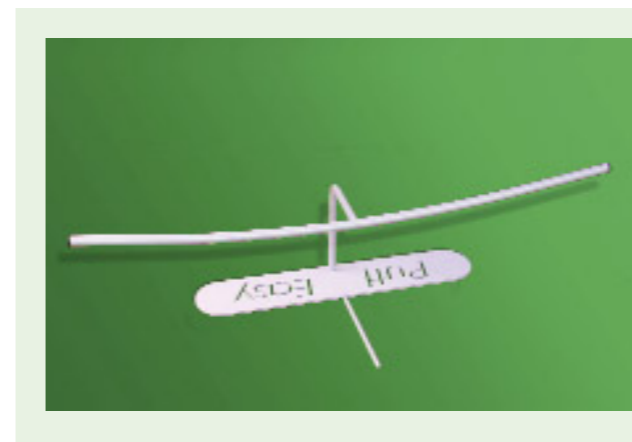


Pitchmark Repairer

A NEW device that is the brainchild of West Berkshire PGA pro Paul Simpson could help reduce the number of unrepaired pitchmarks on the nation's courses. The Pitchmark Repairer is ideal for players who have trouble bending down and is a small device that fits securely over the end of the putter grip. It enables golfers easily to repair pitchmarks without bending and when not in use it fits easily into a pocket or can be attached to the player's bag or belt.

As well as its intended use, the device works well as a ball marker, can be used to align the ball for putting and also acts as a rest for clubs, avoiding the need to place them on wet turf.

SRP: £5.95
www.pitchmarkrepairer.com
01488 682 000



Easy Way Golf Putt Easy

WHETHER you're a low handicapper or simply a Sunday hacker, the Putt Easy can radically improve your stroke.

The device comprises an elongated bar that your putter shaft must travel along to recreate the perfect stroke. Meanwhile, a strategically placed second bar which lies along the line of the clubhead is designed to promote topspin. Simply place the ball ahead of the second bar and swing away – aiming to miss it.

In doing so, you will hit the ball on the up and impart the ideal top spin which sends balls running end over end. When used on a regular basis, muscle memory is developed and so the stroke can be recreated on demand.

The device is fully portable and can be used both indoors and outdoors – meaning you can hone your stroke any time, any place.

SRP: £39.99 (incl. P&P)
www.easy-waygolf.com

