



First Look

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



Rife TwoBar Hybrid Tour Mallet Putter

I WILL get the one negative comment out of the way at the start – the head cover is small, tight-fitting, fiddly to get on and off, and really annoying.

And now on to the good stuff – the putter itself, which provides extraordinary feel.

I have never tried a putter like it in terms of feeling so soft, and yet so solid at the same time.

I love the two bars for lining up short putts with. It is very solid and stable at address.

I first tried it on the floor at home, where I felt it was twisting at address because of its convex bottom, but this didn't happen at all on the greens themselves.

It always takes a while to get the feel for distance with a new putter, but I was hugely impressed by its ability to hole out time and time again from the tricky four-to-six-foot range.

Expensive, but definitely a stroke saver – and it will be staying in my bag for a while!

SRP: £139.99
www.rifeputters.co.uk
01204 494 080

Nike Storm Fit Bucket Hat

AT last! This is the first waterproof hat that not only have I felt doesn't look ridiculous but actually suits me!

It is very well designed so that it is longer at the back than the front, meaning that the hair between your hat and collar, which normally gets wet, now doesn't.

Unfortunately, I tried it in near gale-force winds as well as particularly heavy rainfall, and it was decidedly tricky to keep on when the gusts whipped under the brim.

Otherwise, excellent.
SRP: £14
www.nikegolfeurope.com
0800 056 1640



Glenmuir Abby Long sleeve stretch jersey

THIS is fabulous. It is a hybrid between a jersey and a long-sleeved shirt, but it looks and feels fantastic.

Made from 95 percent cotton and five per cent elastane, it is very stretchy, so it never moves or tries to come untucked throughout the swing.

However, it doesn't feel clingy at all on the body. In

fact, the shaped cut and four dart cuts around the bottom make it very flattering to wear.

Either on its own, or in colder weather under another jumper, I'm sure this will become one of my most worn tops.

SRP: £30.50
www.glenmuir.co.uk
01555 662 244



Hedgehog Fairway Protectors

SINCE their inception five years ago, Hedgehog Fairway Protectors have proved to be a saviour for the huge number of golfers who rely on using a trolley to carry their clubs and are therefore at the mercy of trolley bans over the winter.

These moulded rubber tyres simply slide onto your existing wheels. The raised rubber spikes lift the trolley off the ground and can reduce contact by up to 75 per cent, and greatly reduce damage to fairways.

Many clubs across the country have already adopted the Hedgehogs, meaning that thousands of golfers who find it difficult to play without a trolley can now get out there during the soggy times of the year.

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