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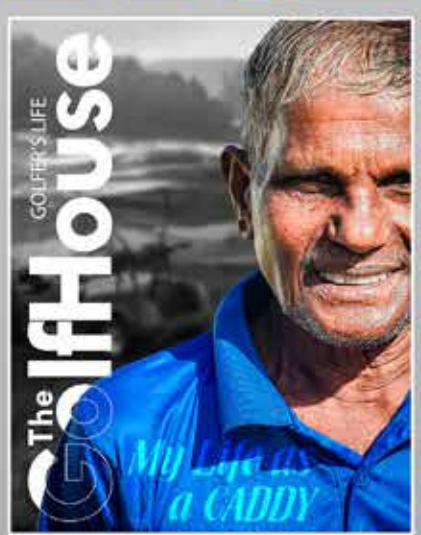





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EDITOR'S CHOICE



Viktor Hovland seems unfazed at being the only single player on the European team.

Foreword

Dear readers,

Do you remember the first time the Asian Tour was held in Dhaka?

It was eight years ago, but still the memories of those days are pretty fresh in every golf enthusiast's mind as the biggest golfing competition created a buzz among the local golfers and golf fans. There was enormous media coverage of that event, and it remained so for the next few years as the Asian Tour looked to have become a regular fixture of the ambitious Bangladeshi golfing calendar. Those tournaments had helped unearth and motivate a few promising golfers, who might have otherwise been unknown even among the local golfing community.

But as luck would have it the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Russian war on Ukraine have seemingly set our golf back a few notches, resulting in irregular hosting of the Asian Tour and other international tours such as the ADT and the PGTI.

With the national elections scheduled for January 7, we would hope that the local golf administrators would work towards bringing the international events back to Bangladesh in the new year and help stimulate the stagnant golfing scene.

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Three-days long (15-17 November 23) "2 nd GolfHouse Corporate Cup Golf Tournament 2023" concluded at Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka Cantonment where General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, SBP (BAR), OSP, ndu, psc, PhD, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army as the Chief Guest gave away the prizes amongs the winners on 17 November 2023 at 7:30 PM in Banquet Hall at Kurmitola Golf Club.

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An ancient Roman Stoic philosopher even got into the mix at the end. Oh, and "apologies for any bad language" became the most used phrase by the commentators. want, to who you want and to hell with the consequences.

APES HILL BARBADOS

Barbados is a beautiful, lush tropical island in the Caribbean that is famed as a playground for the rich and famous. It is home to a handful of golf clubs, with the best of them clustered between the western beaches and the hilly central region. Opened back in 2009, Apes Hill was already highly rated before new ownership a decade later took the decision to elevate the course and its entire environment to the next level. The result is nothing short of superb. With sustainability a key ingredient, leading architect Ron Kirby was engaged to maximise the golfing experience, views and fun on a course whose elevated position – 1,000 feet up in the hills – means there are panoramas of both the Caribbean Sea to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

Barbados

Stats: par 72, 6,370 yards



The paradise setting includes many thrilling holes, with a real highlight the par-3 16th, Cave Hole. This is played over and alongside a beautiful pond to a green behind which runs a large coral outcrop. Add in the state-of-the-art performance centre, short-game area and nine hole par-3 course and you can see why people are flocking to rent holiday properties here.





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AROUND ALICE

Australia is made up of millions of square kilometres of desert, so when the idea of playing golf in the centre of the country is mentioned, thoughts of sandy, arid, rocky conditions spring to mind.

And although you are more than likely toencounter these conditions at Alice Springs Golf Club, you will also encounter well-manicured grassed greens, fairways and tees.

Opened in 1984, the Peter Thomson and Mike Wolveridge-designed course is definitely an oasis in the desert that is worth travelling for. The 18 holes meander through small ranges with rocky outcrops, natural swales and dry watercourses (unless it has rained recently) with the iconic MacDonnell Rangesa constant and picturesque backdrop to the south. Visiting golfers are likely to spend as much time with a camera in their hand as a golf club with some spectacular views of the surrounding landscape.

The signature hole is the par-4 8th, which is lined by rocky ranges on either side of the fairway, while the green is protected by two large gum trees to the left.

Backing onto the course is the Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, which has amazing easterly views over the back nine of the course and is a short walk or cart ride from the club house.

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Finish your round with a drink on the balcony overlooking the 18th fairway and ranges and you won't be disappointed that you made the trip to the centre of the country. Alice Springs is the closest town to every beach in Australia, but swap thebudgie smugglers for your golf clubs and you'llcreate a memory for a lifetime.





The three-day 2nd Golf House Corporate Cup Golf Tournament 2023 was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka Cantonment recently.

General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, SBP (BAR), OSP, ndu, psc, PhD, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army was present as the chief guest and gave away prizes among the winners at the banquet hall of the club.

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2ND GOLFHOUSE CORPORATE CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023 HELD



A total of 624 golfers from different clubs of the country including foreign golf members and members of The Golf House and high civil and military officials with their spouses participated in this grand event.

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Md NasimulHoq Majumder

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Mrs. Hyejong Um


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PLAYING *by the* NUMBERS

Golf is a numbers game, from your score to par to the amount of money you take off your mate on a Sunday afternoon. Here, we break down all the critical numbers from 2023.

77,076

The official attendance of a wild LIV Adelaide. Whether you're a traditionalist orlove the disruptive nature of party holes and live music on the golf course, you can't argue that it was a spectacle when the Greg Norman-run LIV Golf made its way to The Grange Golf Club. Shirtless American comedians, famousDJs and who could forget Chase Koepka's chaotic hole-in-one.It was all great entertainment forthe fans that had travelled far and wide to experience the first Australian LIV event. ►





455

Justin Thomas could use some putting tips from Christiaan Bezuidenhout. The South African strung together 455 holes without succumbing to a three-putt.



53

The number of three putts Justin Thomas had on the PGA Tourthis season.It was a tough season for JT on tourthis year; the two-time major champion couldn't quite find his groove – especially on the greens. He chopped and changed putters before adopting the scientific practice of aim-point midway through the season. Regardless of what he and caddie Jim 'Bones' Mackay tried on the greens, it didn't go Thomas' way this year. His 53 three-putts across 72 rounds left him sitting in fifth on the PGA Tourin the statistic.



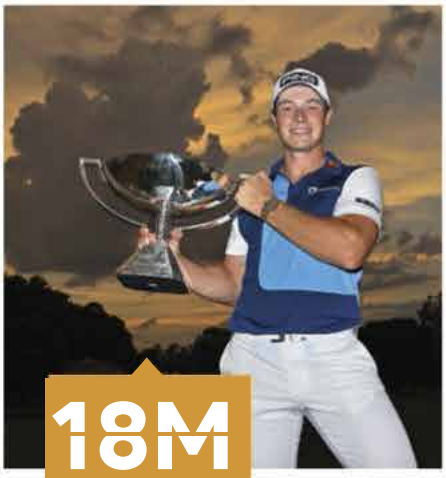
233

Is the incredible number of double bogies carded by the field across four rounds at the PGA Championship at Oak Hill. Oak Hill was a gruelling test where missing the fairway was a proper penalty, the fairways were suffocatingly tight, and the green complexes were challenging to gauge. Eventual champion Brooks Koepka didn't contribute to the double bogey count, not making anything worse than a bogey on his way to a third Wanamaker Trophy.



4

We have all seen some short putts lip out or miss the hole completely, but American TomWhitney missed one of the shortest recorded putts in professional golf at the NVS Invitational on the Korn Ferry Tour when his four-inch tap-in caught the lip and rolled adrift. He made sure to take his time over his tap-in on the following hole, even adding a fist pump for good measure.



18M

Or AU$27,955,512, was Viktor Hovland's pay cheque after claiming the FedExCup. It was the cherry on top of a phenomenal season forthe Norwegian, who had three victories, nine top-10s and made every cut in 23 event starts, including all four major championships. His total season earnings, including winner's cheque forthe BMW Championship on the DP World Tour, was US$33,512,235 ... about $19,678 per hole.



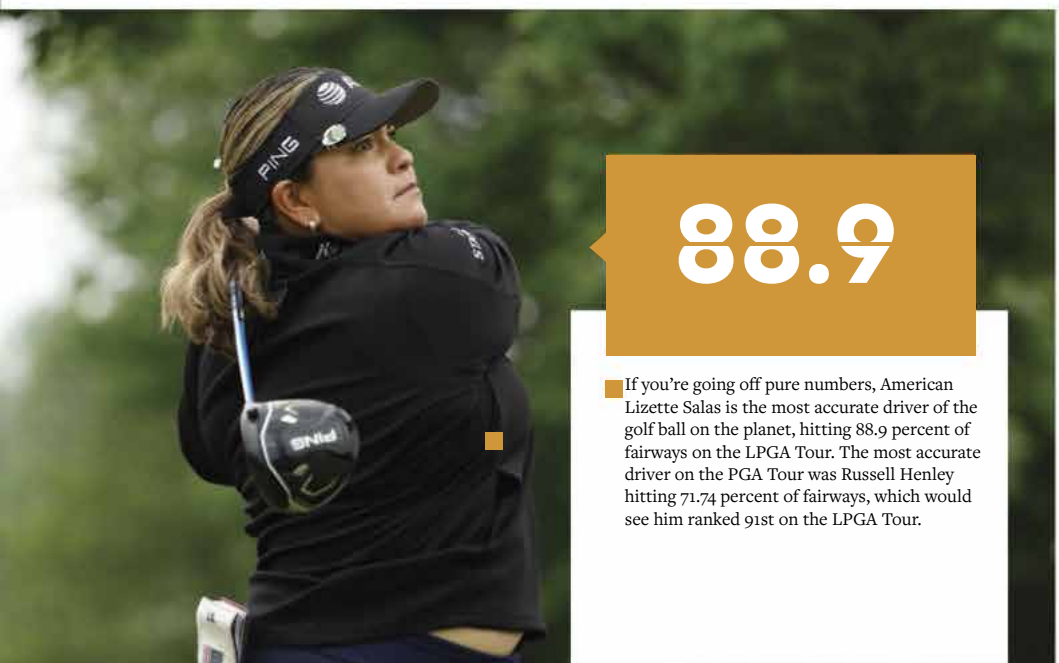
1,242

It has been a difficult past few years for TigerWoods off the course and his lack of play has seen his world ranking plummet to No.1242 at the time of writing. The 15-time major champion graced the fairways twice this year, remarkably making the cut both times he teed it up. He finished in a tie for 45th in the Genesis Open at Riviera Country Club and withdrew from the Masters after making the weekend. Tiger later went under the knife again to alleviate some stress on his severely injured right leg, and he also struggled with plantar fasciitis in his right foot.It is doubtful we will see much of Tiger in 2024 beyond the major championships, but he has been written off countless times and proven many wrong. Can he compete again? Time will tell.



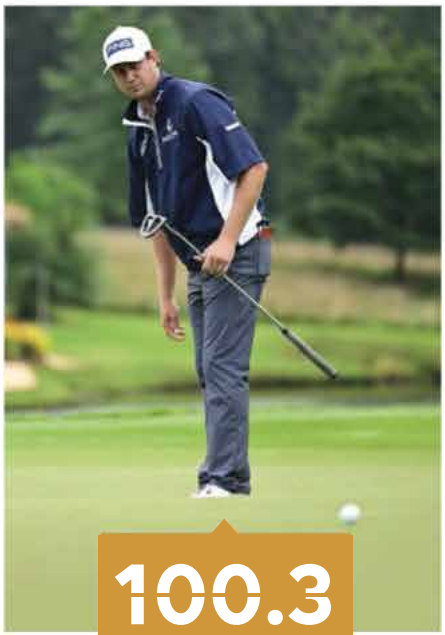
241.6

Miles per hour was the ball-speed longhaired long-drive champion Kyle Berkshire soared to when breaking his own ball-speed world record of 236.2mph, which he set in December 2022. The astronomical new number converted to kilometres per houris 395.99. For context, a Formula One car's fastest speed in 2023 was 358.8 kph, and China's bullet train, the Fuxing, travels at 350kph.



88.9

If you're going off pure numbers, American Lizette Salas is the most accurate driver of the golf ball on the planet, hitting 88.9 percent of fairways on the LPGA Tour. The most accurate driver on the PGA Tour was Russell Henley hitting 71.74 percent of fairways, which would see him ranked 91st on the LPGA Tour.



100.3

American pro Harris English made the longest putt of the PGA Tour season – and the second longest in PGA Tour history – when he buried a 100.3ft monster on the 6th hole at TPC Scottsdale during the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The lengthy putt (for par) didn't make thebroadcast and didn't help English make the weekend. He shot 45 on the back nine in round two and missed the cut by nine shots.



40,181

There are some treacherous travel schedules in the world of pro golf. This year, Justin Thomas tracked his total miles, equating to 40,181 miles (64,665 kilometres), from the start of the PGA Tour season through to the start of the FedExCup playoffs, which Thomas missed forthe first time in his career. The distance Thomas travelled is almost twice the earth's circumference and doesn't include the round trip from Florida to Rome for the Ryder Cup, which is another 10,300 miles, but it's not like JT is flying cattle class; wereckon he will be okay.

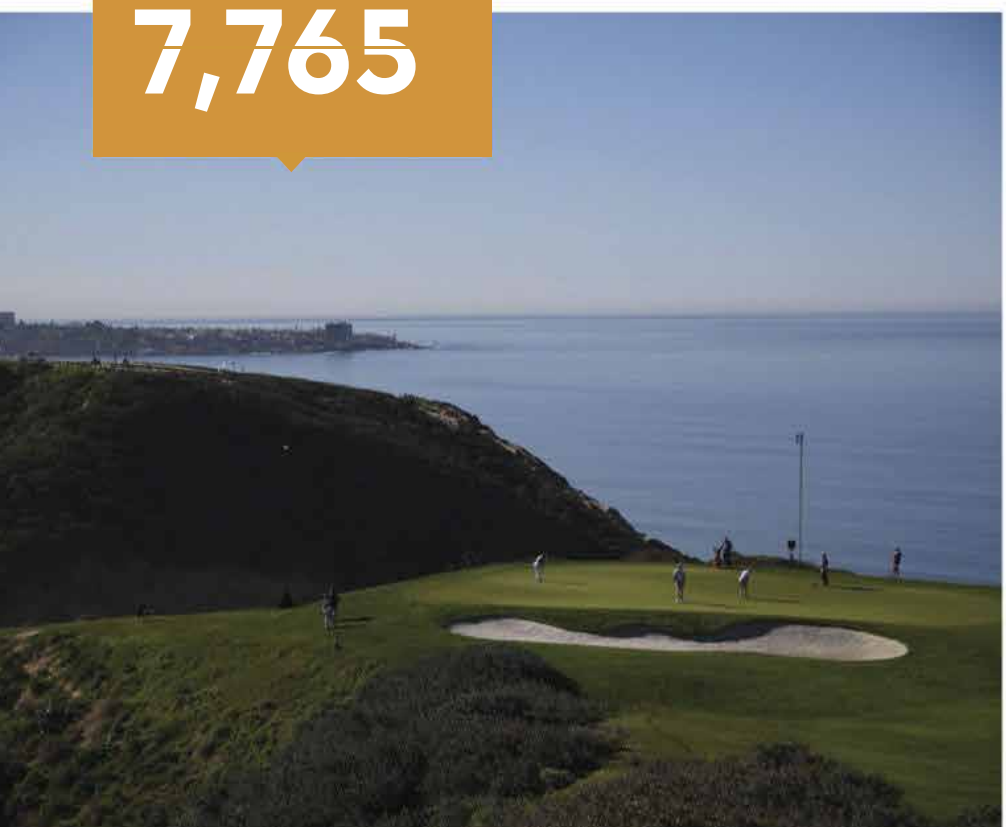


14

Team Europe and Team USA couldn't be separated at this year's Solheim Cup in Spain, finishing up on 14 points apiece after an electric final day of singles where both sides traded toe-to-toe blows and recorded six points each. The 14-all draw was enough for Europe to retain the Solheim Cup forthe third-straight contest. 2024 in Washington D.C will no doubt be an intense encounter.

7,765

The PGA Tour ventured to some hefty layouts that demand precision and, more notably, length. This year,Torrey Pines South Course was the longest and measured a whopping 7,765 yards (7,100 metres)for the Farmers Insurance Open. The king of California, Max Homa, held off a surging Keegan Bradley to claim the title in San Diego.





1.9M

Talor Gooch claimed his maiden LIV Golf title in Adelaide and pocketed a cool $4 million. But the Aussie tax man had otherideas, slashing Gooch's winnings in half, taking $1.9 million forthe ATO. The American wasn't complaining when he collected the same pay cheque for winning in Singapore, with its lower tax rate, the following week.



1,835

Jason Day went five years or 1,835 days between PGA Tour wins. He broke the drought when he fired a finalround nine-under-par 62 at the AT&T Byron Nelson in Texas. Day had been trending towards a significantresult, slowly building in form all season and finally getting the monkey off his back in May.



2

Lilia Vu was the standout player and the story of the year. Coming into the 2023 season with no LPGA Tour wins next to her name, she now has three – and a Solheim Cup appearance. But the most impressive number is the two majors she managed to reel off – saluting at the Chevron Championship in a play-off over Angel Yin and then running away with the AIG Women's Open at Walton Heath by six shots.

Ruoning Yin was still not old enough to legally have a drink in the USA when she triumphed at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship. The then 20-year-old narrowly held out Japanese star Yuka Saso at Baltusrol Golf Club's Lower Course to claim her maiden major championship.



20



155

It became glaringly apparentthroughout 2023 that World No.1 Scottie Scheffler had some issues on the greens. He looked uncomfortable over short ones, consulted his caddie forfar too long when reading greens, and occasionally wouldn'ttouch the hole from three feet. A combination of these and some severe scar tissue saw the premier player on the planet fall to 155th on the strokes gained putting stats, losing nearly half a shot to the field (0.301) every time he teed it up.It is scary to think what Scheffler's 2024 could look like if he finds a hint of magic with the flat stick.



20

There was an ambush in Rome when the highly favoured Americans arrived to stake their claim at their first Ryder Cup victory behind enemy lines in 30 years. But the Europeans looked dominant from the outset, meaning the Americans must now wait until 2027 to break the hoodoo.

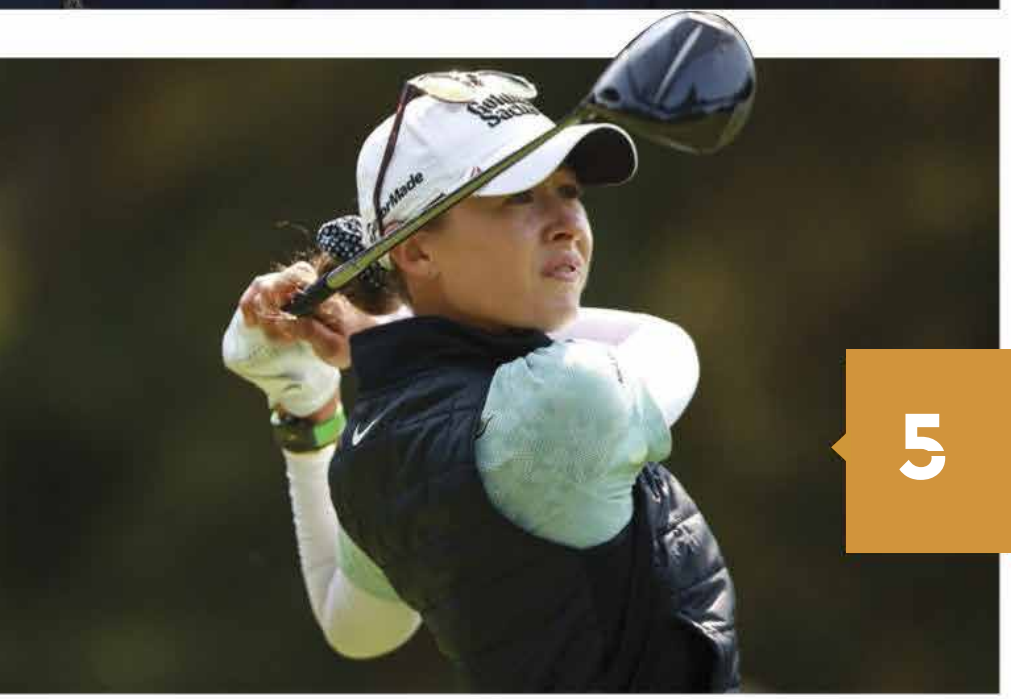


3

There have been three standout male golfers overthe past 12 months in terms of consistency, getting the job done and relishing big moments. Scottie Scheffler, RoryMcIlroy and Jon Rahm have been a class above the rest. Allthree men have spenttime atWorld No.1 this year; Scheffler plucked the top spot out of Rory's grasp inFebruary and wore the crown for a grand total of one week; he andRahm then played hot potato with the top spot until May 21st when theTexan leapfrogged his Spanish counterpartfor one lasttime and has held the mantle since.

280M

It's no secret golfers cover plenty of ground while strolling the fairways. Australian golfers as a collective covered an estimated 280 million kilometres during the last 12 months. The distance adds up to more than 7,000 laps of the earth's equator and 55 million more kilometres than the distance between the Earth and Mars (225 million)



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There has been slightly more to-and-fro with theWorld No.1 spot on the women's side, with five different players spending time atop the pile.Lydia Ko started 2023 on top before Nelly Korda spentthe best part of a month there until JinYoung Ko joined the party, spending seven weeks at No.1 to take her total weeks atWorld No.1 to 163. Korda had another brief stintthere beforeLilia Vu entered the equation, and RuoningYin also spent a fortnight on top beforeVu reclaimed the crown in late September.



9&7

PGA Champion Brooks Koepka joined forces with the World No.1 Scottie Schefflerto take on Scandinavian duo Viktor Hovland and Ludvig Aberg in the Saturday morning foursomes at the Ryder Cup. The young Euros gave the American superstars a good old-fashioned towelling up 9&7. Scheffler was so embarrassed by the beating he was reduced to tears. The foursomes'winwas the largest margin of victory inRyderCup history, surpassingHale Irwin andTom Kite's 7 & 6 drubbing ofEuropean pair KenBrown andDes Smyth in 1979

600



Thomas Bjorn made his 600th start on the DP World Tour, formerly the European Tour, when he teed it up at the Alfred Dunhill Links in Scotland in October. It is a remarkable display of longevity by the Dane, whose career began on the European Tourin 1996. The 52-year-old has amassed 15 wins on the European circuit. He fell agonisingly short of an Open Championship victory in 2003 (behind Ben Curtis) at Royal St. Georges and was also the winning Ryder Cup captain at Le National in France in 2018

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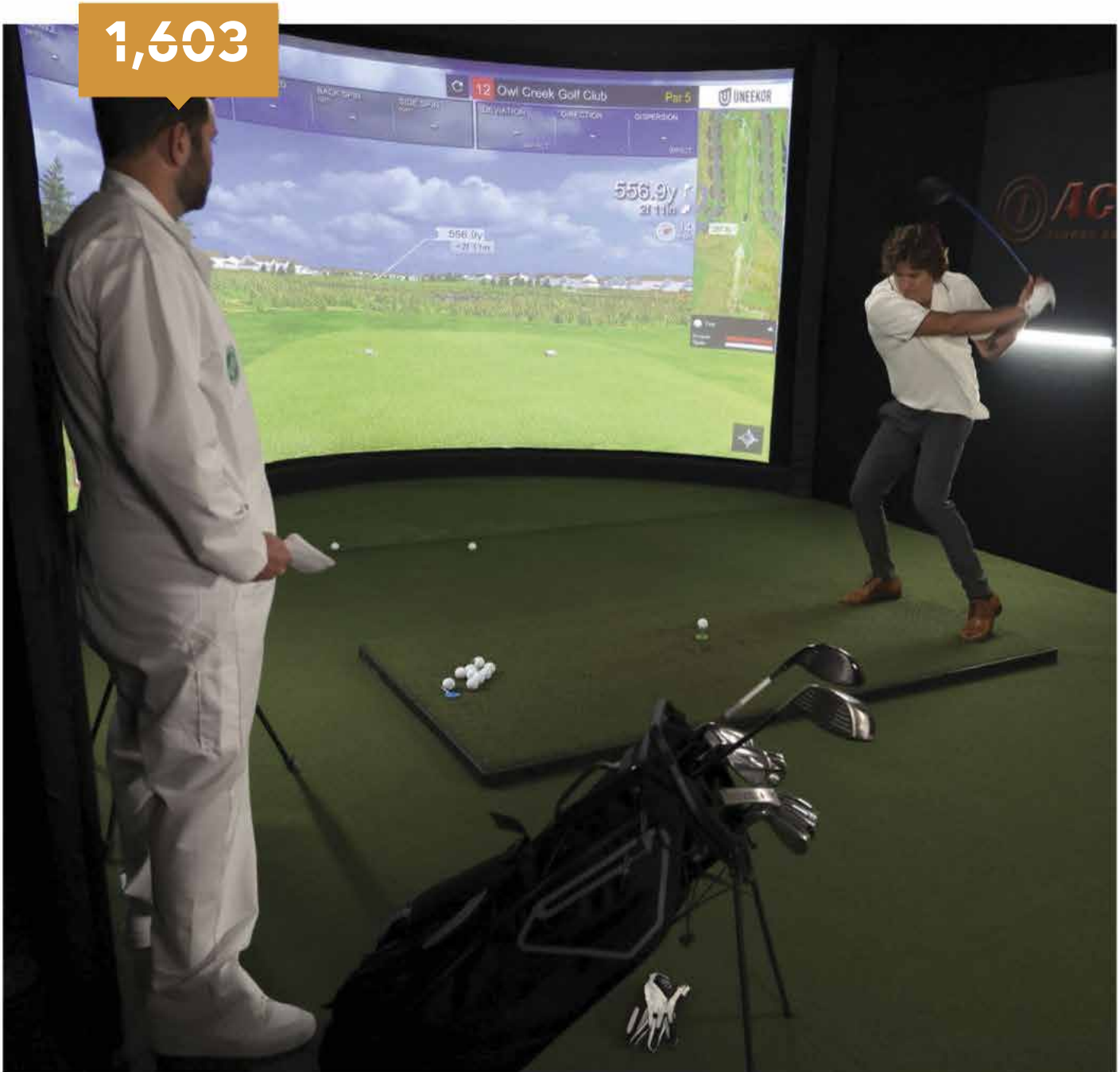

The accessibility of golfinAustralia is fantastic, and itis only getting better.The overall number of places to play in Australia as of 2023 is 1,603. This figure comprises 1,406 golf courses, 184 driving ranges, 115 mini golf courses and an ever-evolving number ofindoor facilities such as simulators and entertainment venues, meaning you don't have to venture too farto get your golfing fix.



313.4

At 43,AdamScott is still more than capable of keeping upwith the heavy hitters ofthePGA Tour, averaging 313.4 yards offthe tee this season, leaving him ranked 12th in driving distance. One thing the formerWorld No.1 will have to look to do next season is keep those big drives in the cut stuff. Scott hit a little over half(53.45 percent) offairways in 2023. Leaving him sitting in the 152nd spotin driving accuracy

1.75M

All golfers love the feeling of cleaning their clubs and loading them into a travel bag the night before a much-anticipated golf trip. An estimated 1.75 million overnight trips are made per annum to play golf. 1.6 million are overnight domestic trips, and more than 150,000 overseas visitors come to experience the worldclass golf Australia offers.



That's the number of yards covered by the tee shotleading to the longest hole-in-one of the year played by one ofthe players ofthe year. Viktor Hovland made the ace on the par-4 5th hole at Marco Simone G&CCinRome, during practice fortheRyderCup. Hovland used a three wood to achieve the rare feat.

261

Was the lowest 72-hole score – 19-under – on the DP World Tour in 2023. Ludvig Aberg fired the numberto win the European Masters in Switzerland and it guaranteed his captain's pick selection to the European Ryder Cup team.

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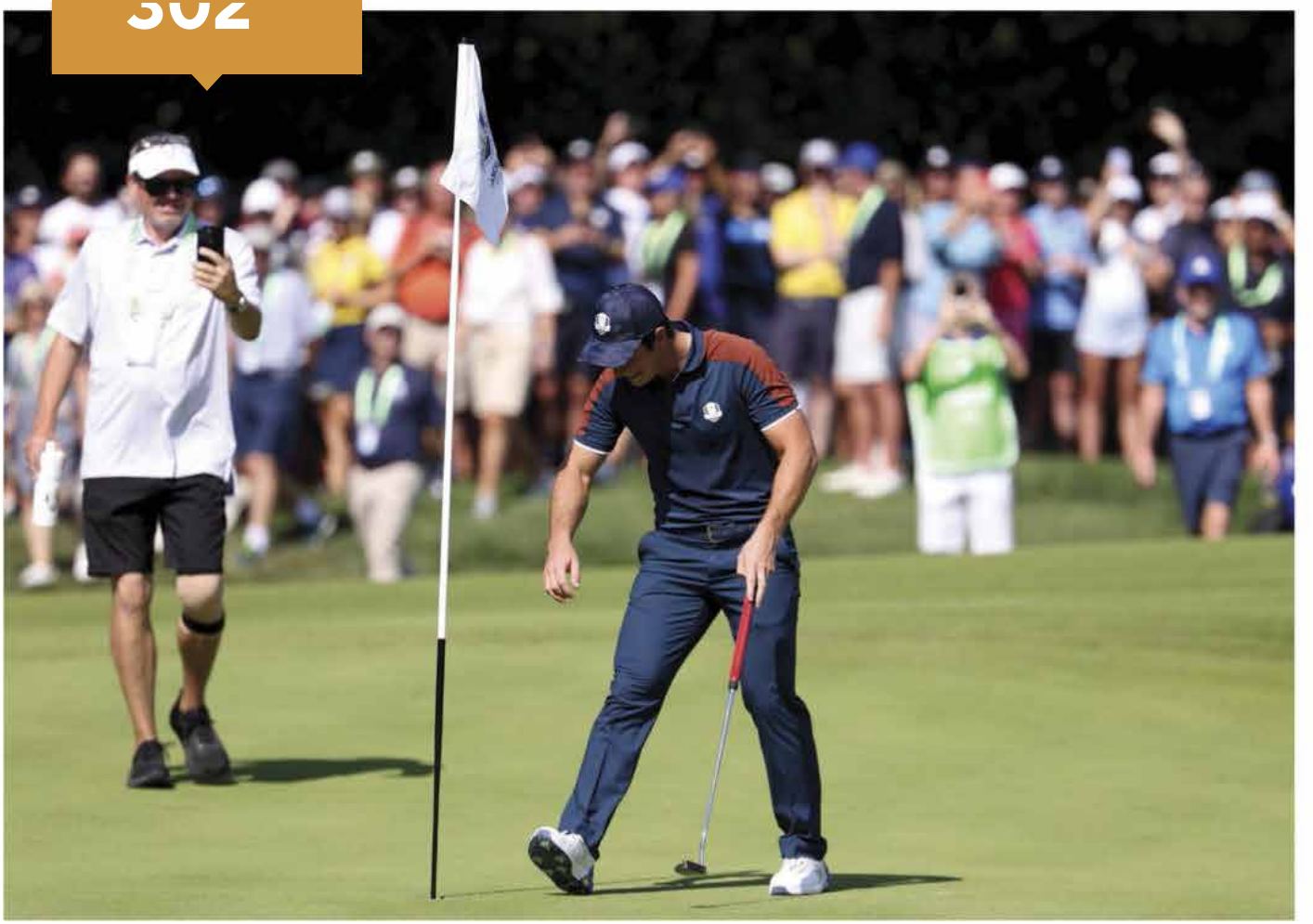


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(THAT AND FIVE OTHER GOLF MYTHS DEBUNKED)



DETERMINING WIND DIRECTION WITH GRASS BLADES CAN FOOL YOU

GOLF HAS ALWAYS BEEN UP FOR a bit of folklore and storytelling. Whether it's a leathery teaching pro passing on swing wisdom to an eager apprentice, a playing legend recounting exploits from decades gone by, or an architect creating a golf hole from divine inspiration, all of it adds to the game's mystical appeal.

It's a common thread that goes back to the shepherds who first banged rocks across a damp Scottish moor.

Of course, facts have usually never gotten in the way of a good story. Some of the most widespread "truths" in this game have turned out to be much more myth than reality — sticking around for decades thanks to the credentials, charisma and persuasiveness of the story-tellers. Thanks to a more widespread grasp of physics — and less reliance on anecdotes and secondhand accounts — we can now gently dispel some of the more durable beliefs and habits that have embedded themselves in the game's lexicon.

On the following pages, we'll explore six of the most pervasive fables and have experts explain why they might sound right but are far from it. Apologies if you've lived by these notions for most of your golfing life, but it's time to realise that the world is round, lightning can strike in the same place twice and a groundhog can't predict the seasons. Keep your lucky ball marker if it makes you feel better, but don't be surprised if you get some funny looks the next time you trot out one of these outdated chestnuts. It has become a televised golf ritual:

A player and his or her caddie toss some blades of grass and look thoughtfully at the trees around them — or the flag on an adjacent hole, like at Augusta National — to try to divine how the wind will affect the next shot.

It might be good theatre — or a way to calm the nerves — but it turns out that the information gleaned from it isn't particularly accurate.

Just ask somebody who relies even more heavily on wind direction to win than golfers do. Nick von der Wense is a 15-time national sailing champion with experience racing everywhere from the open ocean to the lakes of Minnesota.

"Making your strategic decisions based on what you feel on the side of your face is a recipe for losing," says Von der Wense, who has raced everything from single-sailor Lasers to 80-foot-mast yachts.

"What you feel down by you can be, and usually is, very different than what's happening 20 feet or 100 feet above the ground."

Surface wind is impacted by everything from the colour and temperature of the ground, barriers like trees blocking or channeling gusts and the prevailing wind direction that day.

"Your best bet is to look at the flag on the clubhouse. Think of that as the prevailing wind and make your big-picture strategic decisions accordingly," Von der Wense says.

"The more difference there is between the temperature of the ground and the air temperature, the windier it's going to be. When it gets calm and awesome on the golf course at the end of a late spring afternoon, that's when the ground and air temperatures have equalised."

Under specific conditions — think of a hole at Whistling Straits with nothing between you and Lake Michigan — tossing grass might work, Voon der Wense says. But our advice? You're better served by choosing your shot, committing to it, and not clouding your process with what probably is a bad read.

NO, YOUR PUTTS DON'T ALWAYS BREAK TOWARD

It's one of the oldest myths in golf broadcasting: Playing in Palm Springs, they say that all putts break toward the town of Indio. At Pebble Beach, you'll hear they break toward Carmel Bay. Golf-course architect Bobby Weed has heard them all — even about the courses he has designed, such as TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas.

"There they claim everything breaks toward the strip," Weed says. "The reality is, if you want to understand how putts break, it isn't about what's off in the distance. It's understanding where the water would run off the green.

There are typically two or three directions water can drain, but I've built bigger greens where it can run off in five directions. Those are the slopes that are going to do the most to determine how your putt breaks."

Weed says the key to reading greens is twofold: First, walk up to it from the front (instead of from the side after parking your golf cart or from the back after you drop your bag). "From 50 yards away, you can really see where the green wants to drain," says Weed, who also designed TPC River Highlands (home of the PGA Tour's Travelers) and Michael Jordan's Grove XXIII. "That is going to give you clues about the predominant break.

Second, evaluate your specific putt, keeping in mind the prevailing break as a tiebreaker to make your final read."

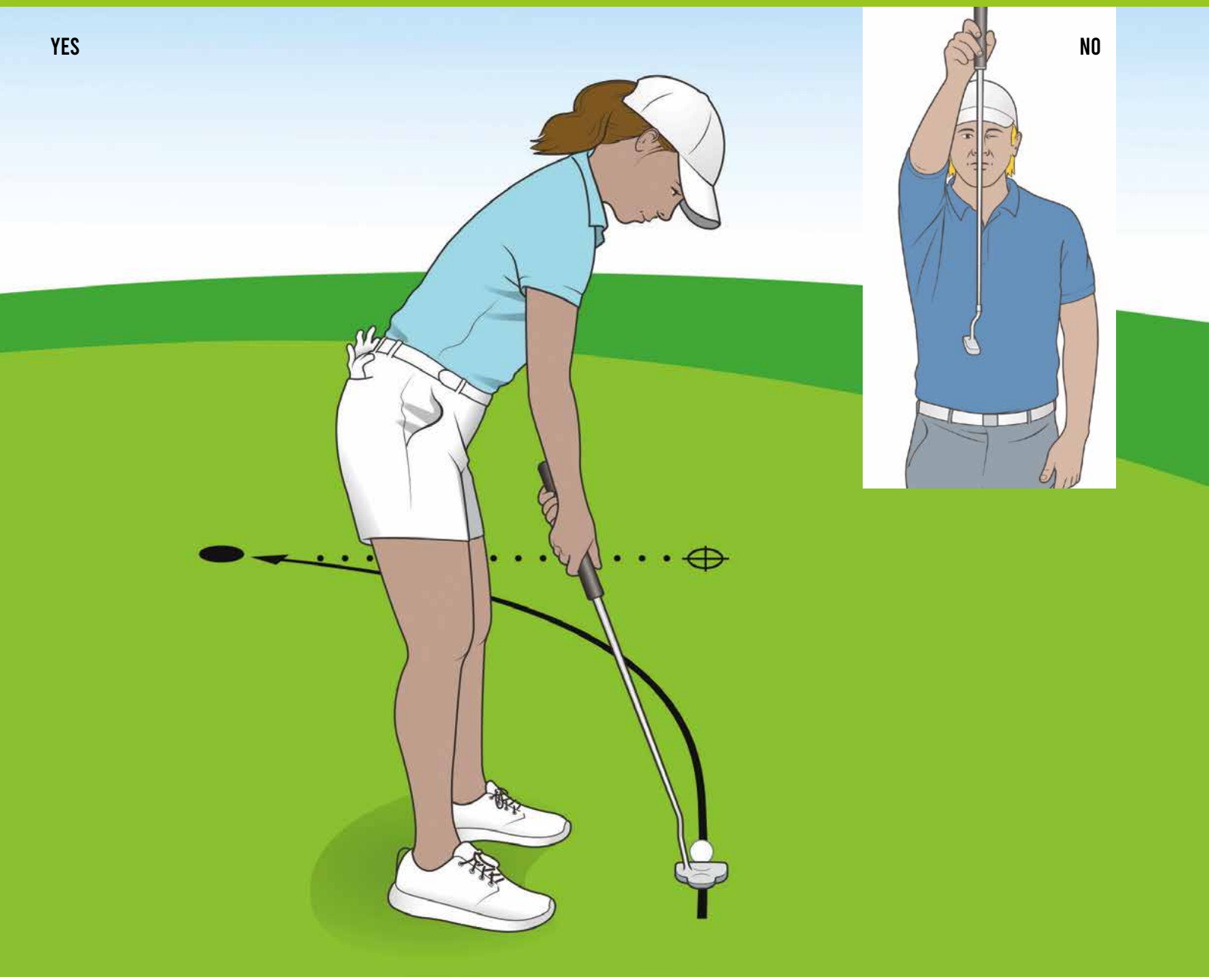
Another factor to consider has nothing to do with topography and everything to do with how grass grows — toward the sun. The ball will roll faster if the blades are leaning away from you (with the grain), and putting across the grain means the ball might behave like a marshmallow tossed into a river. The cross growth on a straight, flat putt can be the difference between rolling one in just off centre or lipping out.

Also, remember that course architects know the misconceptions you have about landmarks and breaks.

"We don't have many more tools in our bag," Weed says.

"Illusion and deception are two useful ones."





PLUMB-BOBBING MIGHT LOOK COOL, BUT YOU'RE GETTING ONLY PART OF THE PICTURE

Nothing mystifies PGA Teacher Kevin Weeks more than watching players stand behind the ball and dangle a putter in front of them as they try to plumb-bob, an oldschool method used to ascertain a putt's break.

"I get that it would be nice to know the overall slope of the putt you're about to hit, but I don't know why you would ever take a read like that from the place where the ball is going to be moving the fastest and breaking the least," Weeks says. "What you need to know is what's going to happen in the middle of the putt and down by the hole, where the ball is going the slowest and is breaking the most."

Even if there was some utility to plumb-bobbing, it would only come if you did it with your putter hanging perfectly vertical and had a non-distorted, accurate view of the line with your dominant eye. Instead of plumb-bobbing, use some of your other senses to get a better idea of what your putt will do, Weeks says.

"You can use your feet and your feel to get a better read. Walk slowly from the ball to the cup and back, paying attention to what your feet are telling you. Is it uphill or downhill? How significant is the side slope? Remember, the architect is trying to trick you visually, so you need to do some more work beyond just what your eyes would tell you."

Once you have a rough idea of the line, walk to the apex of the break (the target, above) and read the putt as if you were playing it from there, Weeks says. "Get the speed right and even a bad read will still end up somewhere by the hole," he says. "Also, pay close attention to what the ball is going to do as it slows down near the cup. That's great intel for what you need to do next if you miss."







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Currently serving as the Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) at Fu-Wang Ceramic Industry Ltd. since November 2022, Syed Ali Abdullah Jami's impact has been nothing short of remarkable. In just nine months, under his charismatic leadership and operational excellence, the company has witnessed a tremendous revenue growth, all while maintaining the same production capacity. Furthermore, the distribution network has expanded by 20%, establishing a robust presence on social media, increasing market share, and elevating the brand's position.

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A Commitment to Personal Growth

Syed Ali Abdullah Jami's commitment to personal and professional development is evident through his educational background. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the American Independent University, California, USA, as well as a Diploma in Business Management & Administration from The College of Professional Management, UK. His vision is to lead businesses with functional excellence, promoting sustainable growth and expansion.

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Roman conquest

Bill Elliott reflects on how Europe hit hard and hit early in Italy to regain the Ryder Cup and avenge the humiliation of Whistling Straits





n the end it was about a hat, an invisible hat, an all too visible row and a noisy crowd that sometimes seemed too large, too rooted in their own importance, just too much. But, goodness, the 2023 Ryder Cup was diversionary fun.

An ancient Roman Stoic philosopher even got into the mix at the end. Oh, and "apologies for any bad language" became the most used phrase by the commentators. Flipping heck, whatever has happened to the old game's sense of understatement, a state of mind that has been overwhelmed by modern society's determination to say what you want, when you want, to who you want and to hell with the consequences.

Not that Europe's captain was involved in any of the nonsense. Actually Luke Donald was more, as a fellow journalist has pointed out, of a CEO given his platoon of assistants made up of former skippers, local heroes and, in Edoardo Molinari's case, an analytics genius apparently. No, Donald was never less than controlled, considered, low-key and impressive in a very dependable sort of way. In another life he'd have made a fantastic accountant or maybe more likely a benevolent professor.

I like Luke, I respect him as a golfer and a man. I have personal experience of his instinctive kindness. His understated and considered Englishness in Italy flew vividly and reassuringly in the face of much else that went on both during play and later. He even rather impressively overcame having to make the captain's speech at the opening ceremony, despite standing behind a lectern on a stage that seemed more suited to an alien emperor in a rather disappointing Star Wars prequel, that confusingly also featured Novak Djokovic, an F1 driver and an American actress. Still, TV needs something to fill in the yawning acres of nothingness that precedes these things. It's a sort of no-man's land that relies on the likes of Paul McGinley's enduring ability to use 500 words when a dozen would cover it to conceal the absence of anything of genuine interest actually occurring. It's not easy doing

these things and so having an opinion, informed or otherwise, and the ability to express it swiftly is essential. To use the current fashionable idiom, hats off gents.

Meanwhile, Zach Johnson tried his best to show he was in command of the American side. While Europe were dominating over the first three sessions he was left in a near impossible position, victory clearly disappearing over the horizon. He tried his best to remain upbeat but crossed a line at the end of day one when, with Europe leading by five points, he suggested he was "proud" of his players. Bitterly disappointed would have been more accurate, but then what else could he do?

Delaying the inevitable

In the end, of course, the final day was as predictable as it appeared, with Europe needing four points out of a possible 12 to clinch the golden chalice. For 20 minutes or so there was a slight suggestion that America might be onto something, but the natural order was swiftly restored. The Miracle at Medinah was not to be repeated – a second coming was required at this gig – and when

Rickie Fowler, hampered by ill-health and visibly fed-up, conceded a short putt to the affable Tommy Fleetwood, that was it. Europe had secured the dominant victory they craved after their humiliation two years ago at Whistling Straits and the Americans had to accept it is now 30 years since they triumphed on foreign soil.

This is a big thing, but not a good thing. For either side, for the Ryder Cup itself. It now appears clear that which side of the Atlantic hosts these matches is more important than who is in either team. It's hard to see this changing and even more difficult to outline how it should change to encourage a better balance. The difference is clear. Home crowd support is crucial. It's a long time since this was essentially a golf crowd. It's now a sports crowd and an event crowd. It's a place to see and be seen, an opportunity to dress up as Elvis or wear a flag or simply try to needle, insult or get under the skin of the visitors so the home players receive an adrenaline rush and the old, quieter game retreats in the face of punters having fun, being aggressive or both. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but the number of fans allowed in and the noise they make, the things they shout, the songs they sing are now very much the home side's 13th man. I have no idea what the answer is, but the old jousting

match appears to no longer be difficult to predict.





Rory and Joe LaCava air their differences on the 18th green



Jon Rahm was one of the three unbeaten European players



The stars aligned

Still, any successful team needs its star performers to do simply that, perform. This the Europeans did.

Jon Rahm, a more accessible character suddenly, was outstanding, as was Rory McIlroy. Justin Rose not only played well, the oldest player in town at 43 offered experience and big-brother encouragement to help Robert MacIntyre embrace his rookie debut in a theatre that offers no hiding place. Tommy Fleetwood, meanwhile, was the perfect cheery accomplice for McIlroy, while Viktor Hovland has moved from excellent to world-beating. Between them, McIlroy (4), Rahm (3.5) and Hovland (3) brought in 10.5 points for Europe. That is all but victory right there and is a magnificent effort.McIlroy had come into this match seeking what he called redemption for his blunt attempt at leadership two years ago

and a match that ended with him in tears of disappointment and perhaps a little fear at his own inability to play outstanding golf. Not this time. Fleetwood played his own terrific part, but his mere presence alongside a wound-up McIlroy seemed to count even more in this contest than his own game. Matt Fitzpatrick, too, offered Europe's key player a quieter, more considered partner.

He, however, could do nothing to dial back McIlroy's rage on the 18th green after that ridiculous display of unprofessionalism from Joe LaCava, who clearly forgot the old caddie motto of 'turn up, keep up and shut up', to jig about in Rory's eyeline as he tried to work out what might well have been a vital putt.I understand McIlroy's anger at LaCava's antics, but I don't get his subsequent car-park rage in the direction of a bemused Jim Mackay who, believe me, is usually the gentlest of gentle giants. McIlroy admitted he was still bridling about it 24 hours later before adding "time is a great healer". Come on Rory, 24 hours is more than enough time to reset those emotions.

I suspect that while his initial objection to LaCava's idiocy was inevitable, it was frustration at his inability to close out a match he and his partner should have won that ignited an abiding resentment. Maybe there is some previous between the two, but whatever the reason, there is no gainsaying the Northern Irishman's brilliant commitment to this Ryder Cup.

He says he needs to swagger a bit to unleash his best golf and he certainly did that at the par-3 17th on Saturday afternoon, when his perfect pitch from way down beneath the green – a shot no other player had attempted – screeched to a halt beside the hole. It's the most sublimely nerveless golf shot I have witnessed this year.

McIlroy said he had taken inspiration from the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius before making his way to Italy, but clearly he had missed one of the philosopher's key pieces of advice... "not everything matters". While the desperate Americans clutched hold of Patrick Cantlay's fightback like drowning men clutching at a single straw, Europe used the incident to bolster their own determination. I can't quite believe either side needs such help to offer up their best or at least most determined golf in a Ryder Cup, but this is what they say.



Patrick Cantlay enjoying his role as pantomime villain

The drop of a hat

Cantlay, of course, was the pantomime villain of this threeday tussle. Social media claimed he was an upstart and divisive force in the USA team room, that he was angry he wasn't being paid for 'working' in Italy and that he refused to wear a cap as a protest. Experienced reporters, desperate for anything to say or write about, seized on to this nonsense and the European supporters bought into it all, slinging insults as well as quite amusing chants at the hapless, confused American.

Turns out the hat thing was a complete piece of tosh. Cantlay, who beneath his stern-faced appearance clearly has a refined sense of humour, explained the absence of his hat by saying he couldn't find one that fitted him. We then had fairly sensible people debating on TV the thought that surely the outfitters could have made him one. Really? This is how daft these things get. Personally, I'm all in favour of players not wearing caps that help disguise their faces and so often hide their emotions, although maybe not when the sun is beating down as it did at Marco Simone. But Cantlay only threw his team cap aside because he was getting married in Rome on the Monday and his bride did not want a glaring, white forehead to spoil the photos.

I wish the couple well. Cantlay is a terrific, relentless golfer, even if he is too slow too often. If others in the USA side had even half of his determined nature then this Ryder Cup may have had a different outcome. As would not taking a five-week break from competitive play before wandering into the bear pit that was Marco Simone that weekend.

The Italian course was a star, a near-perfect theatre upon which to stage a match-play rumble. Risk, reward, calamity and redemption were on offer at almost every hole. Donald had looked at the stats and had the course prepared to slightly favour the Europeans. On paper at least. Some par 4s were shortened because the Europeans' average length off the tee was superior , while the rough was genuinely penal, the grass so thick even the strongest players struggled to move their balls any real distance. The usual grip-it-and-rip-it brigade had to try to rethink their game plan. Some managed it, some didn't and it all added to the enjoyment.



Patrick Cantlay enjoying his role as pantomime villain



Tommy Fleetwood formed a fine partnership with McIlroy

Live and let LIV

At the end, Donald looked tired but happy. The European team want him to stay on as captain for the battle in New York in 2025. Maybe this will happen, but I hope not. Instead, surely Henrik Stenson should be brought out of the shadows to inject his Scandinavian eccentricity into the occasion. Why not? The LIV thing is not buried, but it is at least half dead now.

Johnson, at the end, was at his most articulate, his most disarming and his most honest. His real captaincy emerged at this low point and he deserves applause for the considered and really quite elegant manner in which he and his players accepted their defeat.

Zach knows he got the short straw as well as the long grass by being in charge of an American team in Europe, and he may now console himself with that thought. Their analysis of this loss is yet to happen, but all the Americans were swift to say that Europe won because, at key points, they simply played better, seized the initiative and, yes, enjoyed some key moments of good fortune. More than anything else, though, they came roaring out of the blocks. Hit hard and hit early is key in any confrontation and in Italy Luke Donald and his major players offered us all a masterclass in how to sprint to win a marathon. It was good to see and now we wait to witness the next episode at Bethpage Black, a beast of a course. If he's not back playing then expect Tiger Woods to be captain and a New York crowd that's ready to wind up Europeans. If I were Donald, I'd take the Marco Simone victory and run for home. Wouldn't you? Congratulations gentlemen.



Viktor Hovland seems unfazed at being the only single player on the European team



Koepka is enjoying his golf again after injuries took their tol

There's a decent argument that Brooks Koepka remains criminally underrated. There's often talk of 'generational golfers', but, come the end of it all, the American might be the only player since Tiger Woods that the history books look back on as such.

Since his four-shot win at Erin Hills in 2017, he has amassed five Major wins, the same number as Seve Ballesteros and Byron Nelson – in the same time frame Rory McIlroy has, of course, drawn a blank.

There's also a decent argument that in among the tee-to-green Strokes Gained heroics of Scottie Scheffler, and McIlroy and Jon Rahm also getting to the top of the world rankings, the male golfer of 2023 should go to Koepka.

At Augusta he led throughout – he had the third-best 36-hole score in Masters history – until being overhauled by Rahm on the Sunday. The following month, he won the US PGA Championship in a three-horse race with Scheffler and Viktor Hovland. After an opening 72, he barely missed a beat as rounds of 66-66-67 gave LIV Golf its first Major winner. He now has 18 wins as a pro, half of them on the PGA Tour and five of those in the big ones."I was never the guy at college," says the 33-year-old, who was a three-time AllAmerican at Florida State. "And I'm not the guy out here. Five Majors in and I'm still not the guy. If other people had done what I've done, then everybody would anoint them."For all of Scheffler's ballstriking skills, McIlroy's driving or Cam Smith's putting, if you could pick a part of anyone's game then it might be something you won't find in any Strokes Gained metrics. Koepka's all-out belief is off the charts. The bigger the occasion, the more we're likely to see it."Honestly, I'm just built a little bit different. It's just being mentally better. Look at Tiger, he was just mentally better than everybody else. If you know you can mentally beat everybody, and have more discipline, that plays a huge part. I know I will mentally outlast everybody, especially when it's very difficult. I'll keep striking the ball consistently out of the middle, put it where I want it and then kind of wait my turn – and when that comes I'll step on the gas," he says.

"It's all mental, there's nothing physical that you can do. I enjoy the bigger stage, I enjoy the bigger crowds and the louder people get, the more I enjoy it and it's easier for me. Everything else is kind of a practice session for those Majors. It's not a front, it's the whole reason that you tee it up, right? To be in contention with nine to play, within three on the back nine. I love competition and I love just trying to beat everybody.

"It was one of those things with Tiger and maybe a bit with myself. If you don't believe you're going to win when you're walking on that 1st tee, why should anybody else?"

His fifth Major title came in this year's US PGA at Oak Hil



A close-knit team

Part of Koepka's team is his swing coach, Claude Harmon, who has been with him since the early days of the Challenge Tour. There was a brief parting of the ways in 2020, but they are now back together and Harmon gives a fascinating insight into what is going on inside Koepka's head.

"Everybody thinks Brooks doesn't care. He can come across as nonchalant, but I have never met anybody quite as competitive. Everybody says they like being under pressure and in the heat of the battle, but very few really do and that's just one of the reasons that he's been so successful in the Majors. He also expects there to be chaos whereas a lot of people are hoping nothing bad happens or it's not going to get difficult

– he has an appreciation that in order to win a Major, it's going to get dirty and messy and you either like that or you don't," he says. "He's always been like that. The first day I met Brooks, he was still living with Peter Uihlein and Peter said could I watch his room-mate hit some balls? I asked Brooks what his goals were and he said he felt like he was good enough to win a Major, win multiple Majors and be No.1 in the world. He's always had that self-belief."

Another part of the backroom team is Pete Cowen, who has been helping with his short game since 2014, Koepka's first full season on the DP World Tour. The Yorkshireman tells a good story of how he and Koepka began working together at Wentworth and Cowen asked how Koepka would play a chunk and run from the sand. After a couple of ordinary efforts, and some gentle ribbing from Cowen, Koepka handed his new coach the club and suggested that, if he was so good, why didn't he do it himself? Cowen holed the shot and, to show it wasn't a fluke, did it again with his next shot.

That night they met in a pub near Ascot for a meal and Koepka arrived with his baseball cap on back to front. Not to Cowen's liking, he told the American that an attractive girl on an adjacent table had asked him who the tw*t with the hat was. "He doesn't come for a meal with a baseball cap on back to front anymore, and that was the start of our relationship," says Cowen.

The hat reference is how Cowen has Koepka's name saved in his phone. We're on the back of the range at Centurion Club for LIV Golf London and Koepka is hitting balls before we sit down to chat. There's a genuine affection from Cowen towards the five-time Major champ, as well as a huge respect, while Koepka is far more normal and far less intimidating than he might come across on TV.

"I don't know how he doesn't win every tournament, there are very few better than him at any part of the game. All his poor golf over last three years has been down to injuries as he couldn't do what he wanted to do. He played when he was injured and that's when he said his career was over. Then he got a different fitness guy and a different person working on his knee, ankle and hip and he's back to being what he is now," explains Cowen.

"He's only interested in the Majors. When we started together, he said he wanted to win doubledigit Majors and it's achievable for him; he's halfway there. He's ahead of everybody else in his era – nobody else is close to him in the last decade.

Koepka won LIV Golf Orlando in Apri



KOEPKA ON MCILROY



"We've got a good relationship. I wouldn't say we're best friends – I've got my boys and he's got his – but we're fairly close as far as players go. We don't hang out together outside of golf, but there is a mutual respect and we both understand we're probably two of the guys of this generation. I don't know what he thinks, but I've had a lot of fun with our rivalry. That's how I've always viewed it. We've never talked about it, but that's how I see it. If he wins, I'll text him and vice versa. We've kept that relationship for a while now.

"On LIV, you've still got to play 18 holes with a scorecard in your hand and there's a trophy at the end of it.

I've had no fall-out with anybody. That's the difference with other sports where guys would say it to each other's face – in golf nobody does that."

Koepka landed his second US PGA title at Bethpage Black in 2019

Putting in the work

Ten years ago, Koepka was playing his way off the Challenge Tour. By the following year, he was named DP World Tour Rookie of the
Year and a fourth-place finish in the US Open at Pinehurst, home to next year's event, gave him his PGA Tour card and first start at Augusta the following year. Before he made his way down Magnolia Lane, he collected his breakthrough victory at the 2015 Phoenix Open. Alongside another
long-standing part of the team, caddie Ricky Elliott, his next three wins would all be Majors.

"I'm still the same person as I was back then. Everyone has this big perception that I'm very serious, but behind closed doors, Pete
gives me more crap than anybody," says Koepka.

"He's always on top of me. Nothing's ever good enough and he's always dogging me, which I like. We all have a good time and get a good laugh out of each other. Everybody knows what I expect and I know what they expect of me and it's very simple.

We're all very close and it feels like a family.

"I wouldn't change anything as it's working. I feel like I'm very close to where my peak is and everybody understands what the goal is and where the target is. We don't have to move the goalposts a lot. I expect high standards of myself. I feel like I don't work hard enough, but I probably work harder
than 99.9 per cent of the guys out here.

"You can always work harder, right? I grind every day and all day.

To me, it's never enough – I enjoy the work that goes into it more than anybody else. It's fun grinding in the gym to grinding in the practice rounds and on the range, short-game area and putting green. It's all fun to me and, once the gun goes off, then it's up to me if I can figure it out and win."

The other constant in our chat, aside from the Majors, are the injuries he's suffered over the past few years. There was a torn patella in August 2019, which saw him withdraw from the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne. There was then a hip injury in 2020 and, in March 2021,



"Pete [Cowen] gives me more crap than anybody

he dislocated his knee after slipping at home. He tried to put it back in and that's when he shattered his kneecap. During the process, he tore his MPFL (medial patellofemoral ligament) for good measure.

"My leg was sideways and out. My foot was turned out, and when I snapped it back in, because the kneecap had already shattered, it went in pretty good. It went in a lot easier!" he says He was operated on by Los Angeles surgeon Dr Neal ElAttrache, who had also operated on fellow sports stars Kobe Bryant and Tom Brady. In the final three Majors of 2021, Koepka's worst finish was, incredibly, a tie for sixth."It was no fun being injured. It would take me 40 minutes to just feel like I could get out of bed. My body didn't feel right and nobody will really understand the extent of it. I was always walking cautiously, even at home, and if I wasn't on top of it, it could be brutal," he explains "I never thought I was done, but I was getting really close to it.

If I wasn't going to be at the top or where I thought I should be, I didn't want to play. You see it all the time in other sports, having to wake up and start moving six hours before you play. It's not easy. It also came from different points of the body, so my right knee would mean having issues in my left ankle and left hip.

"Then you start compensating and you don't want to load onto your right side, so you go left, and all these things pile into one.

You just want to get healthy and then break the swing habits as well. Now I feel great. Starting in January this year, I've changed a lot of things about the way I'm working out and recovering.

Brutally honest

As time plays out, Koepka's fifth Major may or may not be remembered best as the first of any LIV golfer. For the Floridian, it was extra special given all the pain and suffering. He also very quickly corrected the mental errors he made at Augusta earlier in the year.

Rather than batting away his loss to Rahm as one of those things, he caught the headlines ahead of the US PGA by telling the Barstool Sports podcast he had choked away the tournament. "I don't care what other people think. People are afraid to be honest. Nowadays, we try to put it softly so it doesn't sound too bad, but you can't tell me that's not what I did," he said.

"I'm brutally honest and I'm always going to speak the truth. A lot of people are very afraid of the truth and they don't want to hear it." The Sunday night of Augusta was spent not sleeping but trying to figure out what had gone on with his brother's caddie.

"It eats away at me when I finish close to winning. I try to figure out what the problem was and what I was thinking. A lot of guys aren't truly honest with themselves, but I will go through everything; was it physical or mental, or the process of the shot selection? I know what it was, it was pretty easy, and we fixed it. "But then I had two of the worst range sessions on the Saturday and Sunday at the US PGA. I didn't know where the ball was going. I looked at Claude and thought holy hell, this is going to be a long weekend."

Unsurprisingly, Koepka figured it out, as he's done over the course of his distinguished career. With his injury issues behind him and the competitive fire burning as bright as ever, his ten-Major target looks within reach – quite a statement in this day and age.

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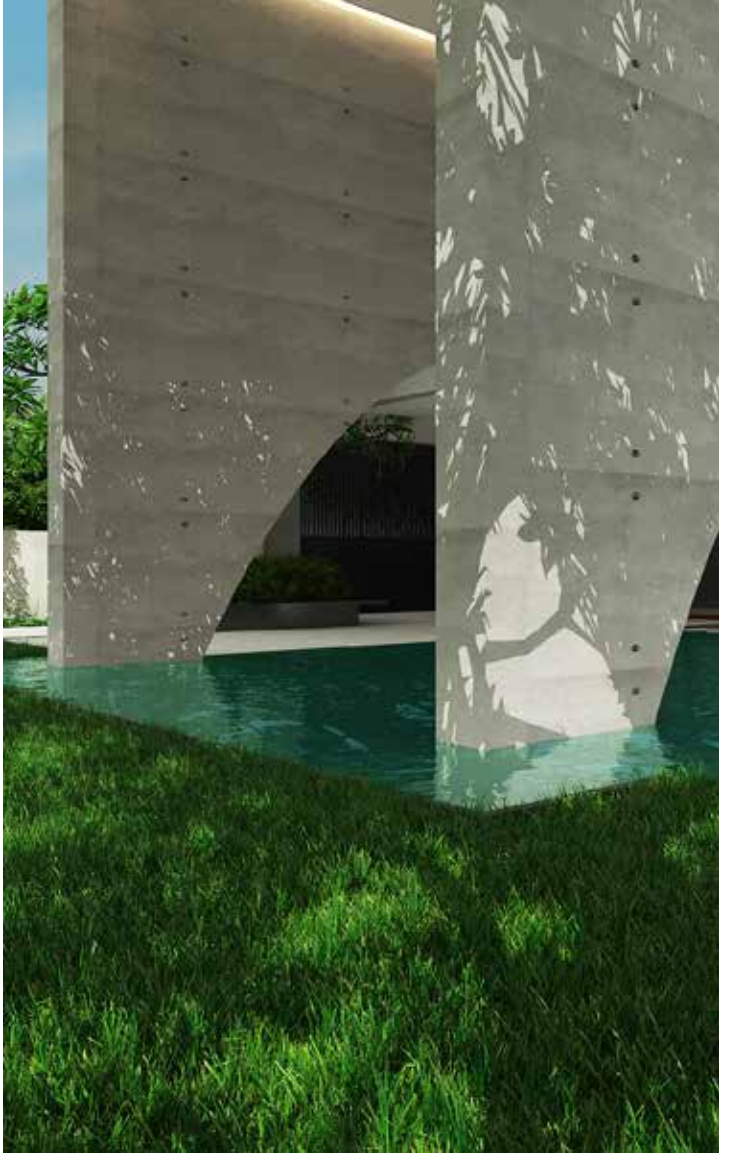





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Greek baklava

Serves 12 | Prep 25 mins plus resting | Cook 35-40 mins

FOR THE BAKLAVA

120g (1/2 cup) butter
400g (4 cups) walnuts
2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tbsp brown sugar
300g (100z) filo pastry

FOR THE SYRUP

150g (2/3 cup) caster sugar
50g (4 cup) honey
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 cinnamon stick
1/2 tsp rose water, or to taste
40g (1/2 cup) pistachios, chopped

1 Melt the butter. Brush a 20cm (8in) square baking tin with butter.

2 Chop the walnuts, and blend in a processor with the cinnamon and sugar until slightly chunky.

3 Line the baking tin with 5-6 layers of pastry, cutting the pastry to fit and brushing each layer with butter. Sprinkle with about a quarter of the nut mixture. Top with 2 buttered pastry layers and continue layering in this way. Top the last layer of nuts again with 5-6 buttered pastry layers.

4 Preheat a 5.3ltr air fryer to 180°C/350°F for 5 minutes.

5 Divide the baklava into squares with a sharp knife. Brush with the remaining butter and cook for 35-40 minutes until golden brown.

6 Meanwhile, for the syrup, put the sugar, honey, 150ml (2/3 cup) water, the lemon juice, cinnamon stick and rose water in a saucepan and bring to the boil, stirring. Simmer for about 5 minutes and allow to thicken slightly.

7 Remove the cinnamon and pour the syrup over the hot baklava. Sprinkle with the pistachios and leave to infuse for at least 10 minutes. Serve warm or cold, divided into pieces.

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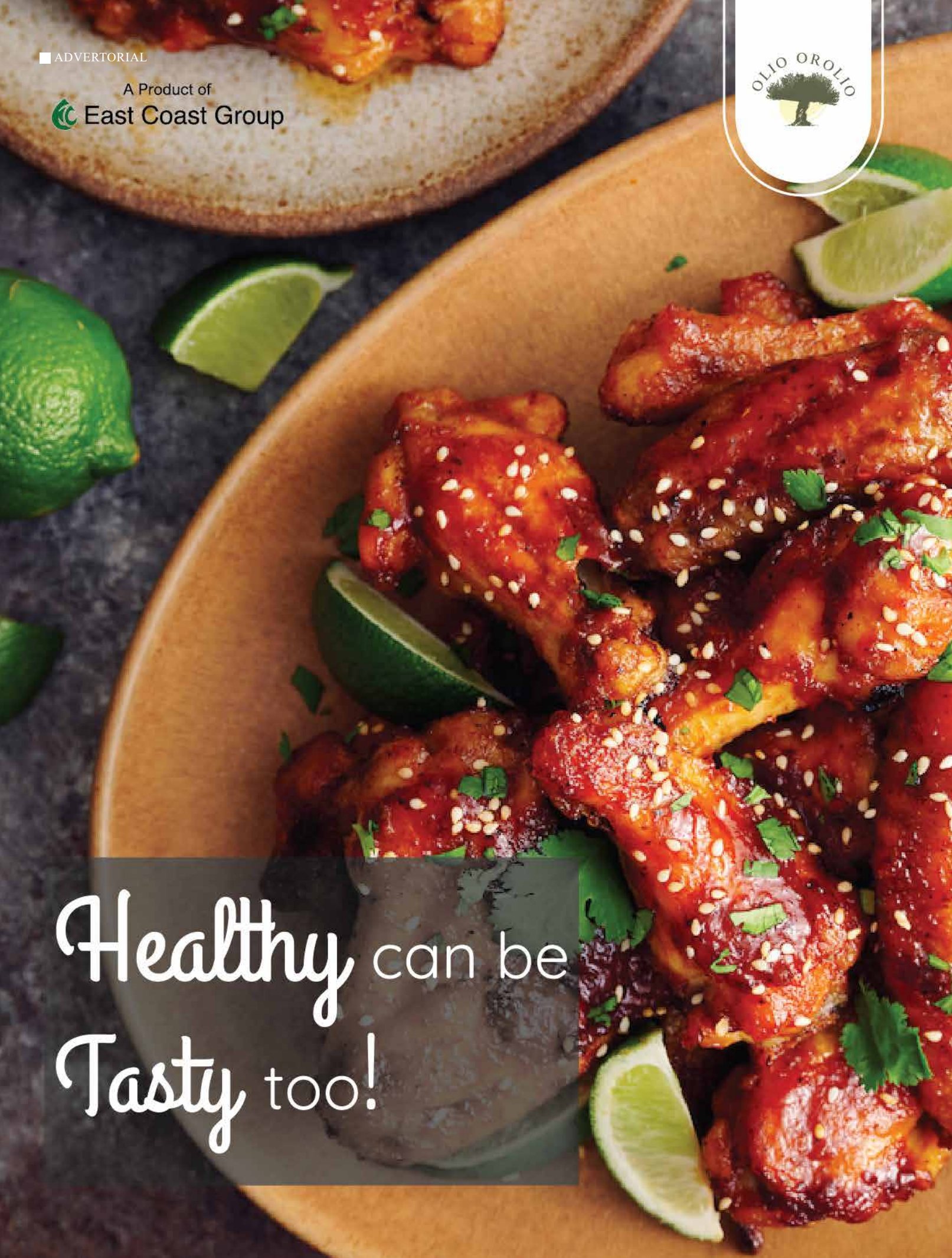

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Recipe Courtesy: Chef Afroza Sumi

Ingredients

- Chicken Wings- 4 pcs
- Ginger paste- ½ tsp
- Garlic paste- ½ tsp
- Chili powder- 1 tsp
- Cumin powder- ½ tsp
- Black pepper powder- as per taste
- Brown sugar- 1 tsp
- Lemon juice- as per taste
- Soya sauce- 1 tsp
- Tamarind sauce- 1 tbsp
- Olio Orolio Extra Virgin Olive Oil - as per required
- Salt- as per taste

Procedure

1. Begin by seasoning the chicken wings with lemon juice, black pepper powder, ginger paste, garlic paste, brown sugar, tamarind sauce, soya sauce, chili powder, and cumin powder.
2. Add salt to the mixture, but use it sparingly since there are already various sauces included.
3. Pour Olio Orolio Extra Virgin olive oil into the mix and allow it to marinate for at least 30 minutes.
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Ladies Winner
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I, on behalf of TheGolfHouse, would like to thank all our patrons, valuable sponsors, contributing partners, our talentedwriters and all well-wishers for their incredible support, proactive suggestions and continuous advices. Everyone at TheGolfHouse, including myself, believe in the true potential of Golf and our aim remains to become the top contributors in the arena of golf both locally and internationally. Golf however grows slowly and steadily. This evoked my interest to look at how this sport can offer different future. This dissertation would not exist without the support of various people whom I would like to express my gratitude.

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