



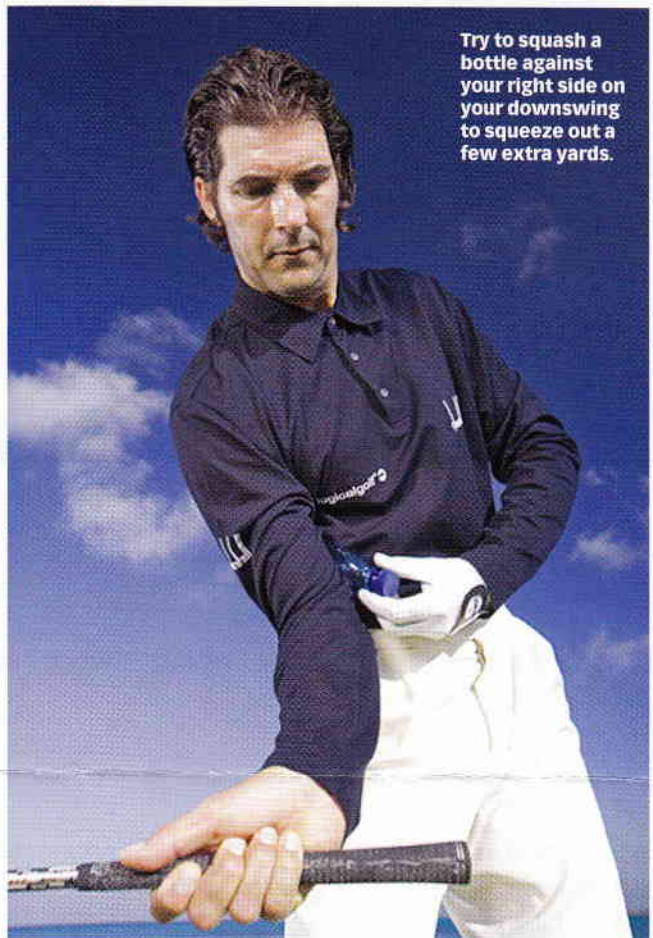
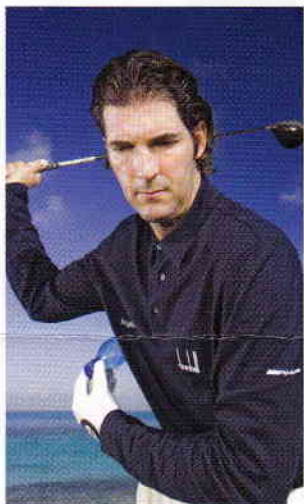
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Stop hitting weak pulls

Keep your right arm tucked for long, straight drives

Fault: You're hitting weak pulls off the tee and not generating enough power because you're releasing the club too soon in your downswing.

Fix: This drill teaches you to swing your arms down without prematurely releasing (casting) the clubhead. Take your driver to the top of your swing with just your right arm. Hold a small plastic bottle against the right side of your torso as shown, then bring your club down to impact. If you can squash the bottle before you unhinge your wrists, you're delaying your release until the moment when it creates the perfect blend of power and accuracy. If you can't, you're allowing the clubhead to outrace your hands to the ball, which costs you in yards and missed fairways.



Try to squash a bottle against your right side on your downswing to squeeze out a few extra yards.

How far back is too far?



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Swinging your club past parallel doesn't mean extra power—it just means you're overswinging. There are two ways to make this error—and each has its own fix.

DON'T DO THIS



When your wrists and right elbow collapse at the top, it doesn't create more power—it simply drains any energy you've stored up in your backswing.

DO THIS



To fix this type of overswing, firm your grip and keep your right elbow from folding past 90 degrees. This doesn't shorten your swing—it strengthens it.

DON'T DO THIS



Most overswings result from a reverse pivot. In an effort to get the club past parallel, you lift your left foot and lean weakly toward the target.

DO THIS



Fix your reverse pivot by planting your left foot and turning your upper body around your right leg. This is how you develop a true coil—and lots of power. ➤

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