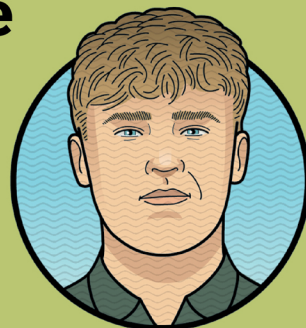


How to Improve Your Golf Game

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Gus Vickers '24, the most decorated golfer in Stevens history, is using his extra year of NCAA eligibility at Division I Villanova University. With the golf season in full swing, Stevens' first golf All-American shares a few tips to help lower your score and improve your game.



IMPROVEMENT STARTS BY PRACTICING WITH A PURPOSE. THEN, WHEN YOU GET ON THE COURSE, YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT YOUR SWING BUT WHAT THE BALL IS GOING TO DO.



YOUR TEE SHOT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SHOT YOU'LL HIT. THE EASIEST WAY TO LOWER YOUR SCORE IS BY PUTTING YOURSELF IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN HAVE 5- OR 10-YARD MISSES AND STILL BE IN PLAY.



DEVELOP A PRE-SHOT ROUTINE (MINE INCLUDES A PRACTICE SWING AND A LITTLE "WAGGLE" BEFORE I PUT THE CLUB DOWN) TO HELP ELIMINATE THE "NOISE."



FOCUS ON PLACEMENT AND COURSE MANAGEMENT FOR WHAT YOUR EYE CAN SEE INSTEAD OF HITTING FOR DISTANCE WHEN PLAYING ON A NEW (TO YOU) COURSE.



THAT BALL WENT A-FOWL - DUCKS LOVE WATER, BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!



AVOID BEING TOO AGGRESSIVE WHEN CONDITIONS AREN'T PERFECT. THE BALL ISN'T GOING TO BEHAVE THE WAY YOU LIKE IT TO WHEN IT'S COLD AND WINDY.

