

TigerTalk

My pre-round routine

I go through the same warm-up routine before every round. I usually practice my putting, then go to the driving range. I always start by hitting short shots with my sand wedge to loosen up, then work through my irons and woods. The last shot I hit is with the club I'll use on the first tee, usually a driver or 3-wood.

Then, I'll practice my chipping and hit a few bunker shots. After that, I head back to the putting green, where I'll putt for another 10 or 15 minutes until it's time to tee off.



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My putting green

I recently installed a synthetic putting green in my backyard. It's a great way to practice and stay sharp, and the ball rolls very true. I measured it with a Stimpmeter, and the ball rolls about 14 on downhill putts and 11 uphill.

I thought about installing lights for night putting, but decided against it for one reason: bugs! They're huge here in Florida. So, I'll do my practicing during the daylight hours and use the carpet indoors at night.

Annika's pressure cooker

At Colonial, I thought Annika Sorenstam drove the ball well, hit the ball well and managed her game well. She just didn't make the putts. We've all been there. It just happened to occur in that one tournament. She should get to play four or five PGA Tour events. I called to congratulate her.

I think the Colonial sponsor is very happy about its choice in exemptions. Ultimately it's a business out here. Every tournament, every sponsor, is trying to make money. Their return is going to be pretty good. 🐾