



THE AMAZING STORY OF JEREMY DALE

Kendal Mcwade looks at how studying the work of
trick-shot maestro Jeremy Dale can help our games

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the name, Jeremy is a rather good trick-shot artist. So good in fact that he is currently ranked number six in the world. And when he's not competing, he spends most of his time displaying his amazing talents at corporate events around the globe. He came into the profession as a right handed golfer but when he was 26 he felt that he was playing golf the wrong way round and decided to re-learn the game left handed. He still plays that way to this day, and I doubt if there is a more ambidextrous golfer on the planet.

For those of you who haven't seen what Jeremy gets up to during his shows, let me run just a few of his best tricks past you. Apart from the usual shots hit off various height tees, and walking down a line of balls using two cubs (one in each hand) to smack them away, Jeremy has some real gems that certainly left my jaw dropping in awe!

First up is what I call 'The Rocket'. Here Jeremy puts the ball on a five foot high tee and with his driver launches it absolutely vertically. This thing goes straight up above your head for what looks like miles. In reality it is maybe only 300 feet, but it's up there for ten or eleven seconds. Now that's the same hang-time as one of Tiger's tee shot's...it's just that Tiger goes forward a little further! And that's the really disconcerting bit, because if you are standing right beside Jeremy when he lets rip, you are convinced the ball is going to drop out of the sky right onto your head. Fortunately it always comes to rest some 20 or 30 yards in front of you. This is a seriously impressive shot!

Then there's the 'Workout'. The workout, as I've named it, is the incredible feat of smashing a drive 250 yards down the fairway whilst standing on a giant inflatable exercise ball. Kneeling on one of those things is unbelievably tough.