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All year long I've been telling you that Padraig Harrington decided to make some swing changes following his British Open and PGA Championship victories in 2008. Ever since tying for 65th in last month's British Open he took a break from tournament golf and went home to work on his short game back home in Ireland. "It's been an interesting year in terms of the fact that I definitely found what I was looking for, and in that process I probably learned a lot more about my game than I ever could have wished to have learned," he said. "I was trying to change something in my downswing. I've been trying to change it for the last three years but it became the priority over the last eight months. As the priority, it actually worked."

It takes guts to try and change a swing that has won you three majors in two years, and since Harrington is 37 years old it's even more difficult. His second-place showing in the Bridgestone World Championship this week indicates he may be one of the few to succeed.

Angel Cabrera finally got his green jacket, but not from Augusta where he won the Masters this year. Cabrera won the U.S. Open two years ago at Oakmont outside of Pittsburgh so on his way to the Bridgestone World Championship he was invited to stop in and receive his Oakmont green jacket that the members wear. They also gave him an Oakmont membership and named a suite after him.

Another golfer who won last year decided to change his swing. Parker McLachlin won the 2008 Reno Tahoe event and decided to change his swing the very next day. "I started looking for someone who could build a golf swing for me that would help get me in the top 50 in the world," he said. "That's where I feel like I've got the potential to be. And so it's been a bit of a struggle this year. But this is the year that's going to set me up for the next 10 years." McLachlin won \$1.3 million last year with six top-25 finishes. So far this year he has earned \$233,704. I asked Arnold Palmer and Gary Player about changing a swing that brought a championship. Usually a first-time winner will change it because after the first win they only think about winning majors, which according to the two Hall of Famers is a huge mistake.

I asked Arnie if he ever changed his swing and Palmer was quick to answer. "Pap (Deacon Palmer) told me to stick to what I was doing," he said. "He taught me the basic fundamentals of the swing and it would have been a foolish thing to change. Gary said that "players who change their swings to win a major after winning on tour were making a huge mistake. It's about winning and building confidence in what got you there. Just to change the swing believing it will make you better is something that few accomplish and you hardly see them win again."



Two More Wins Make it 22 Straight for SST

What a week for SST PURE. Victories by Tiger Woods and John Rollins extended SST PURE's longest winning streak in sports to 22 weeks in a row. Imagine winning on the PGA Tour or Champions Tour for 22 weeks in a row. No other company can make this claim! Tiger's fifth win of the season was punctuated by his 182-yard 8-iron to 4-inches on the 16th hole. In an article published earlier this year, *Golfweek* described how Tiger blind tested a dozen set of irons of which only two sets had been SST PUREd. He chose one PUREd set as his gamers and the other PUREd set as his backups.

SST has 31 victories this season already thanks to the two added by Woods and Rollins. If you want a tour victory it seems like it's mandatory to have SST PURE your clubs. It's been a real stimulus to a lot of players bank accounts.

More than \$120 million dollars has been won by players just on the PGA Tour have who asked SST to PURE their clubs. It's just not the 31 victories responsible for this huge amount. It's the total domination of the top 20 week after week. At the Bridgestone, 16 of the top 20 players had asked SST to PURE their clubs.

Look who PUREd some more clubs this week in the SST PURE Shaft Alignment Lab: Charles Howell III, Padraig Harrington, Trevor Immelman, Sean O'Hair, Miguel Angel Jimenez, and Vijay Singh.

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