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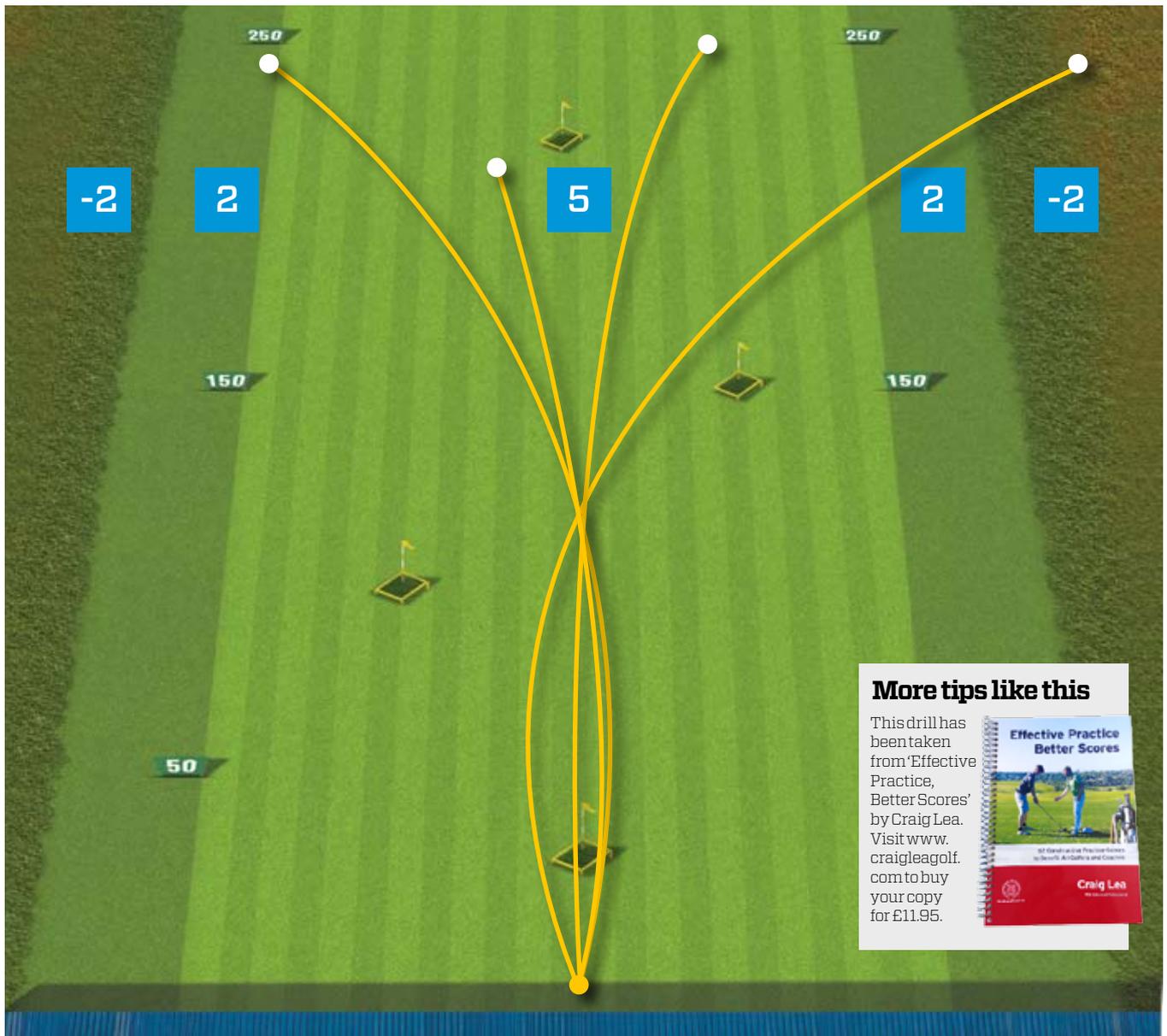
BETTER DRIVING ACCURACY

Focus your range practice and improve your tee shots under pressure

→ **CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY** that you make a concerted effort to improve your driving accuracy in practice? We all love to get the “big dog” out and see how far we can hit it on the range, but is aimlessly slashing the ball into the great abyss of a

100-yard wide field really helping our swing and performance on the course? The honest answer is probably no. But adding some structure to your driving practice with this drill will help you focus and improve your accuracy. This simple scoring system gives every

shot a value and consequence, so you get used to playing to a set target and performing under pressure. Keeping a record of your scores also enables you to gauge just how reliable your driver is, and monitor your progress.



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How it works

Pick two reference points on the driving range roughly 20 yards apart and use a bay in the centre of this.

Imagine this 20-yard width of range is your fairway, and there is

five yards of semi-rough on either side of the fairway. Beyond that is rough. Hit 20 drives with the aim of hitting the fairway.

Score points as follows based on the success of each shot:

- Fairway = 5 points
- Semi-rough = 2 points
- Rough = -2 points

Record your scores, and keep individual shot and total scores for

future reference and comparison.

An interesting comparison is to try this drill with a 3 or 5-wood. You may find that the additional accuracy is worth sacrificing a few yards off the tee.