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30 QUESTIONS

❖ DAVID LEADBETTER

David Leadbetter is the king of the golf swing. He has taught such stars of the links as Michelle Wie, Ernie Els and Greg Norman how to properly swing a club and get more out of their game. His elite instructional program, David Leadbetter Golf Academy, now is offered at the PGA National Resort & Spa's new PGA National Golf Academy. *PBI* recently talked to the golf guru about the game.

■ WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA?

PGA National has a wonderful tradition and has been upgraded tremendously. I felt that the vision and goals of the management team blended perfectly with our approach to teaching the game. The world-class facilities allow us to offer PGA National guests and owners the best golf instruction.

■ WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY WITH?

In 40 years of golfing, I played with a lot of famous people, from royalty to entertainment and sporting icons. I've never played with Tiger, although I know him. From a non-golfer standpoint, I'd like to play with President Obama. He's a bit of a closet golfer, and he needs a little work on his game.

■ HOW DID YOU BECOME KNOWN AS "FATHER OF THE MODERN GOLF SWING?"

It was a title bestowed on me after the work I did with Nick Faldo, and after creating books and videos describing the modern approach to the golf swing.

—Lola Thélin

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