



A Power Man

One of golf's most cruel tragedies was the early death of Harry Weetman who was killed in a car crash; he was a front-seat passenger in his own Rolls-Royce, driven by a friend. Harry was renowned as a long hitter, and when you look at those long muscular arms it is hardly surprising. He stayed well behind the ball and hit past himself. He never leaned into the ball at all, but hit like a boxer, bracing the left leg and punching against it.

Harry developed his arm muscles by chopping trees as a money-earning hobby when young and that remained his favourite training exercise. Despite staying behind the ball, he was never able to stay on an inside to out arc; he power-faded or even sliced every stroke. Apart from his great power, which reduced most courses to a drive and an iron shot, he had a delicate short game and was a very good putter. Really, his wins came on the green, not off the tee shots.