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Rudding Park

LEE WESTWOOD'S GOLF ACADEMY SWINGS INTO ACTION AT RUDDING PARK

Fresh from The 138th Open Championship in Turnberry, world championship golfer, Lee Westwood, brought his Golf Academy to Harrogate's Rudding Park where he led a masterclass of budding 7 to 16 year old golfers on Tuesday 21 July 2009.

The Lee Westwood Golf Academy, held in partnership with The Co-operative, is running during the 10 days following The Open at 10 specialist golf venues across the country. Each Academy provides three full days of training and attendees have the opportunity to develop their golfing abilities through top quality coaching from Lee Westwood himself.

On Monday 20 July, Lee arrived at Rudding Park where he was met by 54 young golfers along with the 10 teaching pros from the golf team at Rudding Park, all keen to pick up tips and tricks to improve their game.

The youngsters, who came from all over the country to attend the event, learnt about every aspect of the game from etiquette to rules and fitness to nutrition. Lee also engineered a competition which enabled the attendees to put their masterclass lessons into practice both on and off the course. The winner of the Rudding Park competition was nine year old Thomas North who will look forward to a day's golf with Westwood at Lindrick Golf Club in Worksop on 31 August 2009.

Speaking about the success of his Academy, Lee Westwood commented: "It's been great to go from the drama of The Open to running the Academy masterclass. The beauty of these academies is that they are designed to suit anyone from beginner level to advanced player, which allows everyone to improve their golf. The skills and

enthusiasm the youngsters at Rudding Park displayed was extremely impressive to watch and hopefully we can unearth some stars of the future.”

James King, Rudding Park’s golf manager, said: “Both the young golfers and the team here at Rudding Park, gained so much from Lee’s Academy over the three days. The masterclasses were designed to appeal to golfers of all ages and abilities so everyone was able to get involved, even if they had never teed off before.

“It was also a great honour for the Lee Westwood Academy to select Rudding Park as one of its 10 specialist venues. Being part of the programme is testament to our first class courses and training facilities which continue to win us acclaim and recognition from golf professionals and the golfing media alike.”

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Images attached:

1. Lee Westwood with the young golfers at Rudding Park
2. Lee Westwood with the Rudding Park Golf team

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Notes to Editors:

Rudding Park is independently owned by Simon Mackaness and his family. Over the last 30 years, they have carried out a comprehensive programme of improvement and redevelopment which includes the opening of Rudding Holiday Park in 1978, the renovation of Rudding Park House in 1987 and the subsequent opening of the 50-room hotel in 1997.

The estate also comprises an 18 hole, par-72 golf course set in mature Parkland, complemented by an 18 bay floodlit driving range and golf academy. A new development of 18 luxury holiday lodges adjacent to the golf course opened in May 2006 and a par-3 six hole short course opened in April 2008.

For further information on Rudding Park, visit www.ruddingpark.co.uk