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Butch Harmon has lost 40 pounds, but it's Phil Mickelson he found to be a new man during a recent visit to Scottsdale. "His attitude is phenomenal," Harmon said. "He feels so good about how he's playing. He's a different person, to be honest with you." The new Phil is a byproduct of continued work with mental coach Julie Elion. Over the winter they talked about how much better Mickelson drove the ball in the Presidents Cup while trying to keep partner Jim Furyk in play. Harmon is raving about the way Phil "dialed everything back," and was "flying" his driver, rather than "jumping off the ground." Elion also talked to Mickelson about a new approach to putting that focuses more on making putts than the mechanics of his stroke. "He's rolling it so good it's unbelievable," Harmon said.

Coming off knee surgery for a meniscus tear, Steve Marino took steps this off-season to leave the ranks of winless players by stepping up his fitness program with Joey Diovisalvi and doing something unconventional for him—enlisting with an instructor. "He's old school," said new teacher Claude Harmon III. "He does a lot by feel, so I'll do the same as Dad with Dustin Johnson. I won't change what he does." Based at the Floridian in Palm City, Fla., Harmon and Diovisalvi hope to create more synergy between Marino's workout and practice sessions, focusing on stabilizing his lower body to prevent future injuries.

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