



# Fore! Your Game

## Your Equipment Guide For The Gear Enthusiasts

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### Won of Fourteen – FedEx St. Jude Championship

Gear enthusiasts and weekend warriors alike often wonder what clubs the pros are gaming each week to see if these clubs could help their games. Search the internet and you can find a complete breakdown of all fourteen clubs in the winner's bag. This series of articles will focus on one of the fourteen clubs that captured my attention and helped propel the eventual winner to victory this past weekend.

This week, Will Zalatoris took home the trophy at the FedEx St. Jude Championship. Let's take a look at the unique putter that finally silenced the critics and propelled Will to his much deserved, first PGA Tour victory!

#### Scotty Cameron Phantom X T11 Prototype Arm-lock Putter

Ironically, the first time Will Zalatoris used this putter in tournament play was at the 2021 FedEx St. Jude Invitational at TPC Southwind where he finished 9<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained Putting that week. So we've come full circle as Will secures his first title with this putter and first of his career exactly one year later. Cool little tidbit.



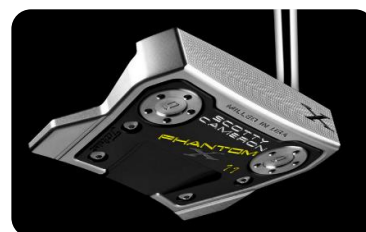
This Scotty Cameron putter isn't your run of the mill Phantom X 11 design. Many additional features make this custom for Will. The most obvious is the length

of 42.5 inches to accommodate his arm-lock putting style. As with most arm-lock putters, the length is combined with an upright lie (70°) and higher loft (5.5°) as the putter is pressed against the left forearm. The sightlines on top are also custom to help him frame the ball at address.

Back in August 2021, Will spoke with GolfWRX and PGATOUR.COM to discuss the putter change. Of the many reasons for the switch was the immediate feedback he received upon striking the ball. This feedback is important to understand where on the face a player is connecting with the ball. His old putter had a muted, more

homogenous feel across the face and didn't provide the necessary feedback on a good or bad strike. Scotty Cameron putters are famous for providing this "player's preferred" feedback.

In the category of "pros are just like us", it was amusing that Will revealed part of the reason he started tinkering with different putters was amidst an injury in mid-2021 that prevented him from hitting full shots. According to Zalatoris, "boredom was kicking in". Surely, many gear heads can relate!



While you may not be able to obtain the exact version of Will's Scotty Cameron Phantom X T11 Prototype putter, you can obtain the base Phantom X 11 model.

Some of its features include:

- Smaller, more compact mallet to expand the line's options
- Provides players another option in stable, performance-oriented mallets.
- Solid face/body is precision milled from 303 stainless steel and integrated with an aluminum sole component for optimal weight distribution, balance and feel.
- Sleek profile and swept-back trimmed wings, the Phantom X 11 has a clean topline and provides darker visual alignment cues from address with its misted "popped up" back flange milling and single sight line in light gray.
- Mid-bend shaft to minimize face rotation during the stroke and customizable stainless steel sole weights.

The Scotty Cameron Phantom X 11 putter retails for \$429.00 and is available at most of the major equipment shops.

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