



# Fore! Your Game

## Your Equipment Guide For The Gear Enthusiasts

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### Won of Fourteen – US Open Edition

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 week, Matt Fitzpatrick took home the title in the U.S. Open. Let's take a look at the putter that helped him secure his first major (and first PGA Tour victory)!

#### Custom Bettinardi DASS BB1 Flow Tour Proto Putter

Exiting the U.S. Open, Matt Fitzpatrick is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in strokes gained putting and is widely considered one of the best putters in the world. The evolution of his putter is one of the more interesting gear stories of 2022.

It all starts with a niche putter manufacturer from the early 2000s named Yes! Golf, which was a small company out of Denver, Colorado featuring a line of putters with its patented "C-Groove" technology, intended to get the ball rolling quicker upon strike. Yes! putters gained credibility with household names like Retief Goosen, Jim Furyk, and Ernie Els rolling the rock each week with these putters. Even recently, players such as Troy Merritt and Matt Fitzpatrick were gaming these putters.



Yes! Golf was eventually acquired by Adams Golf, which kept the Yes! branding. They released the next generation of putters and continued to have the same niche following on and off tour. Unfortunately, with the consolidation of golf brands in the early 2010s, Taylormade

acquired Adams Golf and that all but spelled the end of the Yes! putter line. Back to Matt Fitzpatrick...Matt was gaming the Yes! Tracy II putter (pictured above) since he

was 16 years old and has had loyalty to this design throughout his amateur and professional careers.



In 2016, he started working with Bettinardi on prototype putters until finally settling on his current DASS BB1 Flow Tour Proto Putter that has all the looks and feels of his classic Yes! Tracy II

putter including the unmistakable C-Grooves. You can see from the picture above how similar the putter looks to his old friend. Here are Matt's current putter specifications.

Length: 34 in  
Weight: 346 grams  
Lie: 71°  
Loft: 2.5°

As of right now, this putter is not available for retail purchase and is "tour only". If Matt continues to have



success, Bettinardi may have to reconsider this position. You can, however, find the Yes! Tracy II on secondary markets such as eBay. There are a few Yes! putters in my collection and I can say from experience that they are very solid putters with great feel and unique designs.

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