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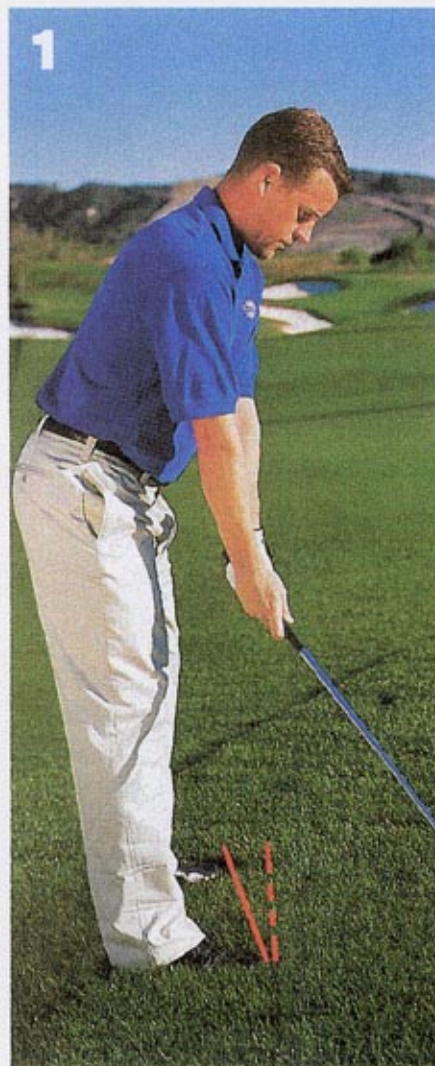
Rough and Ready

3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ESCAPING THE ROUGH

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Golfers make the rough rougher than it really is. Some try to “help” the ball out with a sweeping motion, only to have the grass grab the clubface and close it, sending the shot low and left. Others hit down on the ball with a karate-chop move that has virtually no

margin for error. Easy, fellas: Just set up for a fade, which will bring the clubhead down on a steeper yet controlled outside-in path, thus producing cleaner contact and a soft-landing cut shot. And remember these three things:



1. Open clubface, open stance

Aim the clubface slightly right of the target and your body—feet, hips, and shoulders—slightly left of the target.



2. Take an extra club

Opening the clubface effectively turns your 6-iron, say, into a 7-iron, so take one club more to compensate for the ensuing loss of distance.



3. Swing along your shoulder line

Grip the club a bit more firmly, and make your normal swing along the line formed by your shoulders at address.