

David Feherty

CBS Sports Golf Commentator

David Feherty was born in the seaside town of Bangor in Northern Ireland. He grew up with aspirations to become an opera singer, until he discovered he had the knack for hitting a golf ball. He jokes about his career change, “I was always interested in music from a very early age. But when I turned pro at age 17, I haven’t sung a note since. Now, I only sing to punish my children.”

David enjoyed a successful professional career, with 10 victories worldwide and over \$3 million in prize money. He was a regular on the European Tour, with victories including the ICL International, the Italian Open, Scottish Open, South Africa PGA, BMW Open, Cannes Open, and Madrid Open. He captained the winning Irish team in the 1990 Alfred Dunhill Cup and played on the European Ryder Cup Team in 1991, an experience that rejuvenated his fervor for golf.

In 1997, David retired from professional golf when offered a position as a golf commentator for CBS Sports. “I always enjoyed talking more than playing, and now CBS is paying me for what I like to do most.” Thanks to his sharp wit and colorful personality, David has become golf’s favorite announcer.

David’s success extends beyond broadcasting. He’s authored six books, several making the *New York Times* Best Sellers List. Each is “choked full with belly-busting humor”, including his latest *The Power of Positive Idiocy*. His popular monthly column on the back page of *GOLF Magazine* should be “read twice to exact every available laugh”.

For David, his most fulfilling activities are on behalf of badly injured U.S. troops. David stages events for wounded Special Forces, Green Berets and other US heroes involving golf, hunting, bicycling and skiing. “Losing a limb, or the ability to use a limb, is one thing,” Feherty says. “But the dignity they lose with it is perhaps even more important. And to be able to give them some of that dignity back is my mission with these days. It’s not a charity. It’s just us trying to pay back a very small part of the check that we owe them.”

What works for Feherty as a rehabilitative tool is humor – wicked humor. Having battled depression, Feherty knows the healing value of laughter. “The only thing that kept me alive was my sense of humor. I really believe that’s a human’s last line of defense. If I can’t make them laugh, I want to make them smile.”