



2nd ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: TIGER WOODS
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Q. Another frustrating day on the par 5s for you a little bit?

TIGER WOODS: Pretty much all around. I was a yard off, foot off all day and it was one of those frustrating rounds because balls were landing in the fairway, running a foot in the rough and then I couldn't be aggressive, couldn't get after some of these flags and consequently my score reflected that.

Q. Was it the toughness of the course?

TIGER WOODS: No, it was just, as I said, just a fraction off. You know, when you're a yard or a foot off a lot and it seemed like that all day, just one of those days where I just could not get anything going because of it, and then when I did have an opportunity to get something going, I stubbed my foot by three-putting twice out there.

Q. Is it tough on days like this when you're playing with a guy that (inaudible) that you can't get anything going?

TIGER WOODS: No. It's a four-day tournament, today's not the last day and it's over and done with. I'm trying to put myself in position up there and I thought today, even with the way things were going today, if I could get to about 5 I would be fine. But no leaderboards on the North side, so I have no idea what's going on. I assume he's probably leading, but we've still got a long way to go and I'll go ahead and set those pins nicely for the guys on the back nine tomorrow morning and they get to play it tomorrow.

Q. Does your game feel in any way rusty or not as sharp as previous years?

TIGER WOODS: You know, I wouldn't say it's rusty. It was just a fraction off and, you know, at this level and on golf courses like this, if you're just a fraction off it doesn't take much, especially as tight as that North course is. As I said, I had so many balls that landed in the fairway that went in the rough, and when they went in the rough it wasn't just the first cut, it was like six inches in the deep stuff. Now I can't be aggressive, can't be aggressive, I've got to play conservative into some of these flags. When you should be able to fire at some of these flags, I just couldn't.

Q. Is this the first time you've played with Jordan in competition and what do you make --

TIGER WOODS: It is the first time I played with him in competition, I think I might have played with him in practice rounds at the Presidents Cup but that's about it.

Never in a tournament situation.

Q. What do you think of what you saw the first two days?

TIGER WOODS: Same thing I saw at the Presidents Cup, the kid's got talent. He hits it a long way, phenomenal putter. He made a boatload of putts today from the 10 to- 20-foot range and that's, on poa greens, that's not easy to do. On bentgrass you can see it happening a lot, but not on poa, but he was pouring them in there. He had speed to them, too. That's what you have to do to putt on poa, you have to have a little bit of speed because it will try to trickle out of there, but he had enough speed to get through it and he putted with a lot of confidence.

Q. Are you too far back, Tiger, do you think?

TIGER WOODS: No, I mean, I've done it before. If you remember '99 I went and shot 62-65. I was on the 10th tee there and I think I was second-to-last off or something like that and went out and got hot and ended up beating BRB on the last hole.

Q. (Inaudible)

TIGER WOODS: As I said, it's a four-round tournament. It's a totally different deal if this is the last day, but it's four days. I'm just trying to get myself, as I said, to 5. I thought 5 would have been a good number. I'm at 1 now and hopefully I can get off to a quick start tomorrow and get to 5 and then get going from there.

Q. Does he have that confidence that like young kids have, is that what you see in him, they just don't even think about missing, they just hit it there?

TIGER WOODS: Well, you're supposed to. You know, you haven't experienced enough yet, you know? When you get out there and the more years go on, the more you say, you know, where's Indio, or where's Pacific or where's Atlantic, it's got to be breaking that way, you know? Kind of know the (inaudible) somewhere around there. Things of that nature do start happening as you get a little bit older and you have good and bad experiences. For my career I've had a lot of great experiences but you also have some moments where you made a few mistakes.