



**TIGER WOODS (-8)**

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**Q. Tiger Woods, good to see you back, man. Everybody and their brother and sister had an opinion on what you would do this week. For you coming in, expectations now after four days, surprised early on, what? What do you take away from these four days?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, I knew I was going to be able to play all four rounds, that wasn't going to be an issue. I played a lot at home. Came down here, I played, so that wasn't going to be the issue. The issue was how was my scoring going to be, how was my feel, how am I going to get used to the adrenaline in my system for the first time in a while. You know, that took a little bit of time. I was still good with my irons, I drove it pretty good all week, made some good putts. But overall I'm very pleased. I showed some good signs, I hit some really good shots out there and a bright future.

**Q. And no pain?**

**TIGER WOODS:** No pain, no. Maybe pain in my head.

**Q. Wait a minute, though. You hit some really good shots.**

**TIGER WOODS:** I did.

**Q. Let's take a look at some of them, all right? Let's do a little highlight package here. Round one opening tee shot, how did you feel?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I was a little bit nervous, but I just tried to hit a nice little hard fade off that last bunker and I just piped it. It didn't cut at all.

**Q. But you outdrove Justin Thomas by about 25?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, but he hit one of those low little squeezers out there.

**Q. Got it. So you put it in the fairway there no problem. All of a sudden now we get over to the third hole, the par 5, second shot.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, that was just a nice solid 2-iron howling against the wind a little bit.

**Q. You hit it 265, something like that?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Like 248 front.

**Q. Okay. And then I read where you said this next shot was one of your favorites of the opening round, a little pitching wedge at 14.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, I had 98 yards and I just wanted to hit a little pitching wedge in there and hit a nice little chip in there.

**Q. Second round, your second shot here at the par 5 9th, as he giggles, as he smiles. Talk to me, Joey.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Joey, say something. That thing was hit on a rope.

**Q. And the eagle putt?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, it was about a cup and a half outside left.

**Q. First couple days you made a lot of those putts?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I did. As I said, I really putted well.

**Q. How about here at 17?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, this was a little bump-and-run through the fringe, make sure I got through. The early part of it was into the grain. It was just going to be a pretty quick roll to the hole.

**Q. Very creative, a lot of touch shown there. And today in the final round here we are back at the third again.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, I want to see how close this was.

**Q. How about the recoil?**

**TIGER WOODS:** 271, hit a 2-iron in there and I thought it was money.

**Q. Well, it was, it just went about a yard too far.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, it got down there, it was in a hole. I said that figures.

**Q. Yeah, but look, you like the way you hit it?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I did, I thought I hit it perfect. I don't know how it --

**Q. So obviously your back's okay if you're swinging at it that hard?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I felt good.

**Q. Here's your tee shot at 7.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Just tried to throw this one as high as I could and don't hit it where I hit it yesterday.

**Q. Which was to the right?**

**TIGER WOODS:** To the right of the green.

**Q. That was the best one all week --**

**TIGER WOODS:** I was wondering where it landed.

**Q. -- of anybody, that was the best one. The putt?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, it broke about two and a half feet. It just took a while for that grain and the wind to start blowing it over. I'll take that.

**Q. Now, that opening nine today was something to watch, too, because the recoil, the laugh, the celebration, everything, it was awfully exciting. And what this guy has done today out at 15 now, his third in the bunker, 28 going out. This is a moment ago, Tiger. What do you think of what Rickie's done today?**

**TIGER WOODS:** This is phenomenal golf.

**Q. Conditions are a little better than they were yesterday?**

**TIGER WOODS:** They are. They're softer, but he's 10 under with a par at the 14th.

**Q. So this to go 11 under on the day, 18 under overall, and not missing any of those today. What's that feel like when you're in the zone like that?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, they're just holding up play, they're not giving it to him from that distance.

**Q. Pretty much 13. Charley Hoffman now for birdie. A plateau here, not a difficult putt, up and out of that quickly. So Charley had a bit of a rough day at even par protecting that lead, was up by 5 to start the day.**

**We talked about what you did on the golf course, too, but this event means so much more than that to you and it has from the start, too, with the Tiger Woods Foundation, the Earl Woods Scholars program. What does this mean to you even with all the money that you've donated to the Foundation with your earnings through the years?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, this tournament means a lot. We're able to showcase what we're doing for kids, our foundation and our STEM program. Right now we're teaching over 50 different types of curriculum in the STEM field, and right now we've helped hundreds of thousands. We're creating a new digital program and platform for us to spread it globally. It will be free education for anyone around the world. So in the next couple years we're going to be helping millions of kids through STEM.

**Q. I know hundreds of thousands now, but millions next and reaching people across the globe, too. You talked about it on day one, the number of people who tweeted from the sports world. What goes through your mind? Steph Curry was a part of that, but great names.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah. As I said, it's just very flattering that people really enjoyed what I've done over the years. I've had some tough times through the years with my back and then finally come out on the good side and be able to go back out there and play, pretty cool.

**Q. Mike Trout part of that.**

**TIGER WOODS:** I got a chance to do a photo shoot with Bo.

**Q. Still a stud. Yeah, that's never left him. Do you have a sense of what you've meant both in the sport and out of it? Now you come back and you make this comeback and you see this and you see the reaction?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, I do have a better sense of it. When I was struggling with my back, the world seemed very small. Just tried to, you know, day-to-day stuff was very difficult for me to do. Now I'm able to sit back and enjoy it a little bit, talk to more people, go out to more dinners and it's been really nice.

**Q. You were here two years ago sitting alongside us, you could barely get out of that chair.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Correct.

**Q. And to see you now, it's awfully good. Tiger, now that you're back, everybody wants to know what's coming up, what does 2018 look like?**

**TIGER WOODS:** That's a great question. I think that we're going to sit down here, we're going to figure out what's the best way for me to build my schedule for the major championships. Play, how much, what my training cycles are going to be, and play enough but don't play too much. I don't know what golf courses I'll be playing and what's the best way to go about it. We'll sit down with the whole team and we'll figure it out.

**Q. Well, selfishly, we hope we see a lot of you.**

