

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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Q. Mark, if we could just start with an explanation of the situation and what ruling was determined.

MARK RUSSELL: Well, Tiger was under a bush and we did determine that he did make a stroke at it. He didn't scrape or spoon or push the ball. And when he did that, Tiger said that he did not think he hit the ball twice. Looking at it in the regular speed on a high-definition television, you couldn't tell that at all, but when you slowed it down to ultraslow motion high-definition television, you could see where the club [sic] did stay on the clubface quite a bit of time and it looked like he might have hit it twice, but there's no way he could tell that.

In this age of high-definition slow motion television, we've got a decision at 34-3/10, Limitations on Use of Video Evidence. Basically it says if the player did not know that he did that and the only way you can tell that is by using this type of slow motion technology, he's exempt from the rules, so there's no penalty there.

Q. I'm sorry, Mark, the number of the rule was?

MARK RUSSELL: The decision is 34-3/10. We're going to have that -- it's not in the old decision book, it's a relatively new decision, but we're going to have that for you when you get back to the media center.

Q. If you would have seen a clean double hit in regular speed, is it a penalty?

MARK RUSSELL: Yeah.

Q. What is that penalty?

MARK RUSSELL: I mean, he would have been penalized a stroke for that. Count the stroke and add one. But you couldn't tell that at all.

Q. Do you remember the two cases that were cited when they came up with that decision?

MARK RUSSELL: Well, it's a case in Europe when a player hit a lob shot where he opened the clubface up, took a pretty big swing at it, and you couldn't tell at all but when they looked at it -- I don't know why they did that, but they looked at it in ultraslow motion, he hit it twice.

Well, there's no way he or anyone else would know that, but indeed he did do that.

Q. (No microphone.)

MARK RUSSELL: I can't remember.

Q. Harrington maybe?

MARK RUSSELL: I can't -- I can't remember, Doug.

Q. What was happening during that 25-minute period?

MARK RUSSELL: We had to look at a lot of things. That's the great thing about golf, you can review some things and take a look at some things and look at some decisions. That's what we came up with.

Q. Like a legal case, were you looking at like pass precedent and stuff?

MARK RUSSELL: No, no, we're looking at the decision. We looked at it from both angles they had and that's what we determined. We didn't want to do a knee-jerk thing. We had to talk to Tiger and see what he said and we went from there. It hadn't been actually 25 minutes; probably 25 minutes since I happened to talk to you, but it didn't take that long.

Q. If he had hit the ball twice, does his score go from 6 to 8 on that hole?

MARK RUSSELL: Well, you would count that stroke and add one more.

Q. But now in '19 you're not going to add one more?

MARK RUSSELL: I'm really -- I'm not dialed into that at all. We're operating in the rules we're dealing with right now. It's confusing enough as is.

Q. What's the new rule going to be under, what number is it?

MARK RUSSELL: Okay?

Q. Did you ask him if he wanted to retroactively call a penalty on himself? Is that a possibility?

MARK RUSSELL: No. I mean, we just asked him if he thought he hit the ball twice, he said no. He didn't, that's the only way you could tell. If you looked at it regular speed, it wouldn't enter your mind that he did, but if you look at it ultraslow motion, the ball did stay on the clubface quite a long time.