



TIGER WOODS (-2)

Q. So you did hit it twice but there's no violation? Can you try to explain what they tried to explain to you?

TIGER WOODS: You know, I didn't feel like I made contact twice. It was such a short little shot, I was just trying to hit it sideways there. Under slow motion and high def, you can see that the ball hit the clubface twice, but there's -- I don't know, there is no penalty. I'm sure that Mark will get in here and he'll explain to you better than I can, but the committee, the rules committee went ahead and reviewed it for a while.

JACK RYAN: They're not allowed to use the slow motion high definition to apply a rule when the golfer was unaware when he hit the ball twice.

Q. There was no violation, but did you get two strokes for hitting it twice or no?

TIGER WOODS: No, I didn't receive any penalty.

Q. When did you become aware that this was even an issue?

TIGER WOODS: When I walked in, Peter was there and he says that there was a question on what happened on your second shot on 18. So I stayed in the tent and Mark ended up going down to the TV compound to take a look at it and that's what's been taking the time that we spent in the tent.

Q. Did you see it in slow motion and did you think you were getting a penalty?

TIGER WOODS: Well, in slow motion you can see I did hit it twice, but in real time I didn't feel that at all. So I don't know what the decision number is or rule is, but as I said, Mark will get in here and explain it to you.

Q. But you thought you were getting a penalty after you saw it?

TIGER WOODS: We didn't know. I mean, Hideki sat in there for a while because if he changed the card, he would have to be responsible for changing the number. But he got relieved of that, and once he signs the card it's okay, so Hideki left. I didn't know, we didn't know until literally what just happened, what transpired.

Q. Tiger, beyond 18, how would you rate your performance today compared to yesterday?

TIGER WOODS: Today I played much better. I finally hit my irons the way I normally do. Other than the last tee shot, I felt I really hit the golf ball well.

Q. Why 3-wood there today?

TIGER WOODS: Driver runs out, and it was between 3-wood and 5-wood and I wasn't committed to trying to cut a 3-wood. In the back of my head I'm thinking it really looks good for shaping a 5-wood down there. I didn't commit to it, stuck it in the ground and it went to the right.

Q. So is that a happy 6 or still a disappointing 6?

TIGER WOODS: Let's just say I don't play that hole well.

Q. What club were you using, just out of curiosity?

TIGER WOODS: Say again?

Q. What club were you using under the bush?

TIGER WOODS: 8-iron.

Q. Talk about your putting today and the relationship you're having with it now.

TIGER WOODS: Well, I didn't really figure out my putter well today, missed quite a few short ones. I hit the ball close, close enough to really have a shot of a low number today, just didn't do it.

Q. Is that a result of feels?

TIGER WOODS: For some reason I just didn't hit the putts hard enough. Just the way it goes.

Q. How awkward was that shot that you attempted on 18?

TIGER WOODS: The hard part was trying to build, you know, a motion without disturbing anything. I analyzed it for quite a while to try to figure out how can I get in there without the ball moving. First of all, Robby helped me out with marking the golf ball first, make sure we could move that cable out of the way without disturbing the ball and felt like I could build a little bit of a swing where I could hit it, maybe advance it into the grass maybe, and somehow was able to get it through the sand and in the grass.

Q. A decision like that and how complicated that was, how long it took, does that sort of restore your faith in the Rules of Golf, that they got the right decision?

TIGER WOODS: It was funny because we were in there saying this rules situation doesn't happen starting January 1 because I guess there's a rule put in 2016 somewhere in there that you can't use high def or slow mo, but that all changes January 1. These situations, it happens to a lot of guys. I mean, you're not going to have a rules official watching every player and every stroke for every day, and that's where the players, we police ourselves and call stuff on ourselves and we protect fields. I was talking to Sandy out there, in '96 there was a violation, I was in a final group, the split grip at the time. It happens.

Q. Are you cool with people not being allowed to call in?

TIGER WOODS: What's that?

Q. Are you cool with people, the public not being allowed to call in when watching on television?

TIGER WOODS: Well, this is -- our sport's very different and we don't have -- as I say, we don't have a rules official watching every shot. It just makes for a situation like this complicated, and this all changes once we have slow motion and high def, things like this, you know, have happened and can happen.

Q. Tiger, where are you with your game at this point? Just in the whole building back up again after taking a lot of time off, where would you say you are?

TIGER WOODS: Well, yesterday I drove it great and didn't hit my irons well, and today I hit it like I normally do. If I would have just putted the way I normally do, this would have been a round I could have easily shot 8, 9 under, but just the way it goes.