



TIGER WOODS (-1)

Q. First, a summary on your round and then a summary of the whole year.

TIGER WOODS: Well, the round wasn't very good starting out. It was quite awful. Somehow turned it around and got rolling a little bit, got to even par for the day somehow. Made a mistake there on 17, but overall it was a long week, but one that I hope the players enjoyed and I hope all the people who were involved and came out.

This entire year has been amazing. Just been so blessed to have the opportunity. To come from where I came from last year at this point to have the ability to actually play and compete again in the game and do it consistently is quite amazing.

Q. Does this week help you at all going forward? Anything to learn from? It seems like it's so different than a year ago when you were trying to figure all that out.

TIGER WOODS: Yeah, this year with this event, I'll do most of my testing for all the changes I might want to make towards next year after this event. I haven't changed any equipment, so I'll do a lot of testing here in my offseason and get ready for next year.

Q. You've been sort of hinting all week that you've been talking to the PGA TOUR, and given the Presidents Cup is the week after this event next year, possibly moving it next year, maybe ending a day early?

TIGER WOODS: I don't know. There are so many things that are up in the air. I know that we're trying to make sure that one of the logistical things I'm trying to figure out is try to get where there's like eight to 10 guys plus four, five more, you're getting close to 50 people from the Bahamas to Australia in time for a practice round, opening ceremonies and the event. We have our work ahead of us trying to logistically try to make this all happen.

Q. When you go back there tonight and you arrive on Tuesday, do you have fond memories of Royal Melbourne?

TIGER WOODS: Absolutely, I love the golf course. I played there first time in '98 and it was one of the fastest and quickest golf courses I've ever played. It's tricky. It's interesting because you can play it where it's 110 degrees and you can play it when it's 40 and 50 as we did in the last Presidents Cup. That can happen down there in Melbourne.

Q. This week everyone's still talking about East Lake a lot and we're doing a lot of rehashing of the whole year, but in a way, how excited are you to kind of turn the page and put last season in its place and then get ready to take on this next one?

TIGER WOODS: Yeah. As I was saying, I haven't really done much of my offseason prep work for next year and testing and all that stuff. So I'm looking forward to that part of it, wrapping this whole year up now. I'm done competing, I'm done playing for the year. It's been a quiet amazing year to go from where I've come from and now I can actually finally say I'm done playing for the year. We can sit back and really enjoy it.

Q. Tiger, you said the other day that after the year from now until -- last year to where we're at now that you know you can win again, compete again. With that said, once you get a little rest in the offseason, what's your anticipation for '19 just given what you did this past year? How elevated do expectations become?

TIGER WOODS: You know, I know that I can win because obviously I just proved it. It's just a matter of getting everything kind of peaking at the right time. As I was alluding to earlier with Steve is that the will and the want and the desire hasn't changed, it's just a matter of is the body willing to do it. There are days or weeks that they don't cooperate, so that's just part of the injuries I've gone through and aging. The older athletes just don't perform as consistently as they once did. I've been out here for 20-some odd years.

Q. If I can just follow on that, did last year whet your appetite a little bit for what could be ahead, I guess, is maybe where I was going with that?

TIGER WOODS: More than anything it was could I -- first of all, could I actually play a full tournament a year ago, and then can I make it through the west coast. This entire year has been very -- it's been evolving and it's been fluid. So I can't sit here and say that, as you were saying, is my appetite more whet for competing. I'm just now getting used to competing again. So I know that I can do it and I know that I can win, so that part of it is exciting.

Q. You contended probably a half dozen times I'm going to guess, but did it take winning for you to know you could win?

TIGER WOODS: No, no. Once I put myself in position to win at Tampa four tournaments into it, I knew I could win.

Now, could I play consistently week in, week out, that's a totally different matter.

Q. Tampa was a good week, you finished second, but Honda was not horrible.

TIGER WOODS: No, but I didn't finish my rounds correctly at Honda. You know, I hit a bunch of balls in the water on 15 and 17, made a bunch of mistakes there.

Q. Tiger, we haven't asked you this for so long because it's just not been part of it for you, but it sounds like you at least have not ruled out Kapalua. Can you talk about what will go into that decision? That's not that far away.

TIGER WOODS: No, we haven't sat down and actually confirmed anything in my schedule for next year. We're going to sit back after I'm done with Australia and really get back into the gym and build up my body, get it stronger and get some weight on me and see where I want to start the year and see how many events that I should play.

I'm not going to play as many as I did this year. I played in too many this year, and that was from adding an event because I missed the cut at L.A. to qualifying to get into Akron. Who knew that I could make it through all the Playoff events. So all those events told a lot. I won't be playing as much as I did last year.

Q. I think you did the most, I'm going to guess, three in a row, does that sound right this year?

TIGER WOODS: I don't know. Seven out of nine.

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TIGER WOODS: That's how I look at it.

Q. Even if you could cherrypick whatever you wanted to over the course of the year, is three considered a max?

TIGER WOODS: I don't know that, I don't know. All I know is I played too much at the end of the year. That was just too much for my body to handle and I was not physically prepared for it. I hadn't trained for that, so we're going to make some adjustments for next year.

Q. How long did it take you to get over that seven out of nine?

TIGER WOODS: Four, five weeks.