

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**January 25, 2019**



**TIGER WOODS ( -4)**

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**Q. It looked like you were hitting the ball close, had a lot of looks. How would you grade your game right now tee to green?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Tee to green was okay. I made a few mistakes here and there. I just couldn't get a putt to fall. A lot of lip-outs today and a round that could have easily been 5, 6 under par just didn't materialize.

**Q. Yeah, it's one of those when you get out here on the west coast, which you're obviously very familiar with. Is it more they're just not moving as much as you think or are they matching up to what you're seeing?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I'm hitting good putts. So we were talking about it today, if I just continue hitting good putts, eventually they'll go in in boatloads. Just right now they're just not going in. It's one thing to be searching for it, but at least I'm hitting good putts.

**Q. Just lastly, how about those young guys, how much fun was that?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Oh, it was a blast. Tony, as I said, I got to know him during the Ryder Cup last year, the buildup to it and then obviously over there.

Xander, really don't know him that well. I'm going to get to know him obviously this year as captain and I'm sure probably get some of the pairings with him hopefully. We had a great time, all three of us, the first couple days. It was an absolute blast. We were needling each other pretty much every hole and we just had a blast doing it.

**Q. Tiger, well done, 4 under total. I know you were looking forward to getting out on the North course today trying to get after it. How would you reflect on the number posted today?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, it could have been a lot lower than that. I didn't make anything today. I hit a lot of good putts that just didn't go in, they're just lipping out. Those putts go in and it's a round of 5, 6 under par easily.

**Q. Back-to-back at 3 and 4, what was the thinking at that point trying to post a few more birdies heading in?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, I still had two par 5s left ahead of me and a drivable 7th hole, so I was just trying to claw my way back into it. I figured if I could make birdies on those holes, I get right back in this thing. I didn't do that and hence I'm pretty far back.

**Q. Very quickly, approach for the weekend now back to the South?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I'm going to have to play a very special weekend to have a chance, I'm pretty far back, and the South course, it's tough. The way the guys are playing right now, Rosie's up there and Jon, a bunch of guys, they're taking it to the South course, which is not easy to do but they're doing it right now and hopefully I can do that tomorrow.

**Q. Tiger, talk about today's 70 compared to yesterday's 70, how would you assess the two rounds?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I feel like today I played a little bit better than I did yesterday; I just didn't make anything. I hit a lot of good putts that lipped out, that burned the edges. If those putts go in, it's 5, 6 under par with not much trouble today. I didn't make them today.

**Q. The speed seemed a little off. Were you battling the speed all day?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I was surprised at how, when we were warming up this morning, how fast the greens were. I didn't think the greens were going to get that speedy. They dried out a little bit towards the end, it got a little bit springy. The balls weren't spinning as much and they were rolling out a little bit. Just had to make a slight adjustment, but I just feel like I was comfortable enough to go ahead and rip them and try to make them.

**Q. And tomorrow?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I'm just going to have to shoot something low, going to have to have a special weekend to get back in this tournament.

**Q. Tiger, what do you feel like you've got to do to put yourself in a position to at least have a chance on Sunday?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, it's going to have to be over a course of 36 holes to get myself back in this event. It's going to have to be a very low and special weekend to have a chance. The guys like Rosie and Jon, a bunch of guys are going low on the South course, which is not easy to do and they're taking it to it, and hopefully I can be one of those guys that do it tomorrow.

**Q. With your swing right now, do you feel like you're totally committed to every shot and able to trust everything?**

**TIGER WOODS:** No, no, not yet. I felt a little bit off at times here and there. I squeezed a couple off the tees just to get it in play and ripped a few here and there and hit a couple good bombs down there.

Iron shots weren't as close as I'd like to have them, wasn't quite as sharp as I'd like to be,

but I hit them in there close enough where I should have made some of those putts. They lip in instead of lipping out, the ballgame changes a little bit.

**Q. What are you most disappointed with with what you're doing and what are you happiest with?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Disappointed with the fact that I just didn't make enough birdies. I made a double bogey at my 9th hole, which was the 18th hole, from the middle of the fairway with an 8-iron, plugged under the lip. You know, I didn't make any birdies on my back nine. I still had two par 5s and a drivable 7th hole and I didn't birdie either one of those three holes coming in. That was a bit frustrating to finish that way.

**Q. Happiest with?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Just happy to be out here competing again, it's been a while. I just wish I could have done a little bit better to be closer to that lead.

**Q. Tiger, there's a viral video of you going for some pizza. My question for you is, what kind of pizza were you hoping for when you got there?**

**TIGER WOODS:** We were looking for anything, we were starving. Joey didn't put any sandwiches in the bag, didn't have any bars, so we were all hungry.

**Q. So no preference?**

**TIGER WOODS:** No. Everyone in our group was trying to get a pizza. I don't know what they were having issues with, they weren't able to sell it, they weren't able to get it. A couple guys in the group were offering 20 bucks for a box of pizza and we didn't get any, so that's the way it goes.

**Q. They didn't recognize you?**

**TIGER WOODS:** No, it wasn't that. They weren't allowed to sell them, they weren't allowed to give them out. They were filling out paperwork at the time to be able to -- we were the first ones through, so I don't know.

**Q. How do you feel physically after two rounds?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I feel good, I feel very good. The training I've done in the offseason has paid off. I feel strong, fit and I have no issues.

**Q. Tiger, do you ever have any tinge of trepidation when you go in to hit a shot like that bunker shot on 9 where it's kind of awkward and looks a little uncomfortable?**

**TIGER WOODS:** No, no. On a shot like that, it's not that big a deal for me and the way my

body is. I'm just slamming the club into the sand; there's really no follow-through, there's really no torque. It's the shots that require a little bit of torque that could happen that I'll feel probably a little bit here and there.

**Q. New driver, 3-wood and new irons, of those three, which is the closest and which is the furthest away for you?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, I think the irons are very good, they're just like my old ones. The only difference is they're milled, so we'll be able to get a bunch of sets instead of waiting around for so long to get a set of clubs.

As far as my driver and 3-wood, the driver's good, the 3-wood's hot, which is fun. My other one was hot that I played last year, that was more of a driving 3-wood I used last year. I wasn't driving it that great with my driver last year, so it was nice to have a 3-wood I could carry 280, 285 and get it out there. This one's about the same, but feels a little bit better. I'm able to hit the ball higher off the ground, which is nice.

I just wish I could hit the ball as far as Tony with that driver. These young guys just hit the ball so far. Being a little bit older and guys don't quite have the same speed as these guys do. Only thing I'm good at is hitting the ball in the middle of the face, that's the only thing I can do.

**Q. I heard Tony on the par 3, though, say that you were stronger than he is with the irons yesterday?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, well, I hit my irons -- even though I have weak lofts, I can still flight it. That's the thing with my irons, I'm very good at flighting it, taking off spin and hitting shape shots.