

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**February 21, 2019**



**TIGER WOODS ( E)**

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**Q. Tiger, just some overall comments on the day. First day at Chapultepec, tough start obviously.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, got off to a bad start. Got it going after a little bit there, made three in a row. Couldn't make any birdies after that for some reason. It is what it is.

**Q. Pretty good atmosphere with the crowds?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, the people were fantastic. They were into it, they were excited, and they were yelling for Abe today. It was cool to see.

**Q. Tiger, what happened on No. 1?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, I was trying to cut it and I pulled across it to try and cut it and hit it dead off the toe. Hit both of them dead off the toe. It's just not going to cut when you hit it off the toe. Didn't cut.

**Q. And the first one, you knew it was OB or lost?**

**TIGER WOODS:** No, they -- well, the first signal was safe, and then I think it was Abe hitting, you know, building his stance and then I got -- I got notified that it was probably out. Then I hit the second one and then they notified that that was safe.

**Q. Did you think the second one was out?**

**TIGER WOODS:** It was on the same exact line.

**Q. What's going through you at the time?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, this could be a pretty big number.

**Q. After you made the three birdies, what was your attitude after that? What did you feel like after that?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, I think realistically I could have gotten probably 4 or 5 out of it today. Just couldn't quite keep it going. 8's leading right now, but it's a pretty bunched leaderboard. I think 3 was actually on the board there. A lot of guys are coming up with the same scores.

**Q. Tiger, from a comfort level as far as how far the ball is traveling and your strategy**

**out here, where are you right now? Is it still a work in progress?**

**TIGER WOODS:** It is, no doubt, because last week we were hitting 5-irons and they were going about 169, 172. Here I hit wedge that went 205. A little bit different in the two weeks. Just try to get a feel for it. Uphill's playing way different than playing downhill without wind. It's a big difference playing downhill.

**Q. How do you feel compared to the final round at Riviera when obviously it was a long, cold, hard day for you?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah.

**Q. Does the heat help?**

**TIGER WOODS:** It does help. It was nice to have Monday off and a light last two days. Played nine holes each day. The nine holes on Wednesday was a huge help.

**Q. Tiger, where does that rank in your all-time first tee introductions? It looked like you started laughing.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, because he said my name three times, is that right? Three or four times?

**Q. Three.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Three? That was different.

**Q. Tiger, you announced today that you're going to play Bay Hill and THE PLAYERS. How difficult was that process to try to figure all that out?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, it was trying to figure out -- I waited until the last minute to try and figure it out. I wanted to get it out of my head before I teed off today, and so just commit to whatever decision I was going to make. This morning, last night, a couple days leading into this, what decision I'm going to go with and now come out and play, and I did.

Unfortunately, I'm going to take next week off at home, but I have to -- the schedule is so cramped, especially the Florida Swing, and then we had my event last week and World Golf Championship this week.

**Q. Tiger, do you think you're ultimately overall doing yourself some good by not overdoing it schedule-wise? That would have been three in a row and obviously it would be hard to miss the ones after that.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, it's hard to -- it's three in a row and then I've won eight times at Bay Hill and a couple times at THE PLAYERS, and I loved my time last year in Tampa, and maybe roll into Match Play. So it's still a work in progress, I haven't figured it all out. Try to

figure out what is best to play and be ready come April.