

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TIGER WOODS (E)

Q. Tiger, not the finish you were looking for, but if we can just get an opening comment on the round.

TIGER WOODS: Yeah, it was not a very good start. Didn't play the par 5s well early and then got it going on the back nine for a little bit. Got myself kind of right there in the mix and then bad shots on 17, 18.

Q. This is a wind you don't see out here too often, right?

TIGER WOODS: No, we don't. Normally if it's like this, it should be a little bit cooler than this, but this is definitely a different wind. It blew hard and it was tough all day. The ball was moving a little bit on the greens and had to play for that and it was just a tough scoring day. Obviously Wood proved that otherwise, but I don't think there were a lot of low scores out there today.

Q. Have you been talking to your team throughout the week and leading up to this, and will that stop during the tournament or will you still be chatting --

TIGER WOODS: No, we have some things we need to run through the guys, some ideas. I'll pick their brains a little bit. We just want to have a clear picture of what we're going to do down there because obviously once we get down there, things roll pretty quickly.

We land there Monday, we don't have a whole lot of time to get to the golf course on Monday. A few of us got to go do a shoot out on the river, dinner. Then the next day it's a long practice round, six guys have to do interviews, a gala dinner that night, followed the next day by a practice round, photos, plus six more guys have to do interviews, pairings, and then we play. So there isn't a whole lot of time, which if we've got to run through things now so that when we get there, we have a clear picture of what we're doing.

Q. You played so well last year with Spieth in Paris. Obviously you won't have Jordan next week, but how important is it to get JT, one of your best players, with someone that he's comfortable with?

TIGER WOODS: Yeah, I want to have all the players comfortable with who they're playing with. That's why we're communicating the way we are, so every guy has an understanding of when they're playing, what format they're playing, who they're playing with, the different options that that could happen based on conditions, based on people's form. Got to have all those different contingencies ready to go.

Q. What did you think of just your own game in general today, you know, first round since Japan, first round that counted? I realize you didn't like the finish.

TIGER WOODS: I didn't putt that well today but my short game was great, drove it really well. Just hit a couple poor iron shots that cost me a few shots.