

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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TIGER WOODS (-14)

Q. Tiger, what did you shore up in 27 holes this week as you prepare for next week?

TIGER WOODS: Well, I think it was more of a continuation of what I did in Japan. I hit the ball about as well and I didn't quite -- I didn't quite hit it close enough, you know? I had some short irons into the greens this week that I wish I could give myself some better looks, just outside that range of making putts. Consequently, I ended up short.

Q. On I think it was 5 and 17 you looked like you kind of rehearsed the putting stroke after some misses. Were you fighting the putting stroke at all today?

TIGER WOODS: A little bit today, I blocked a couple today and I can't stand that feeling. I'd much rather hook the hell out of a putt than hit some kind of block. Yeah, those were two bad putts and two misses.

Q. What's the one shot you want to have back today?

TIGER WOODS: Today?

Q. Yeah.

TIGER WOODS: All of them. It wasn't good enough. I knew that -- I thought 66 might get me into a playoff. Sorry, 65 would win it outright, but I think Henrik is putting honest today and 65 would have got me into a playoff.

Q. Just how hard was that second shot on the 14th hole?

TIGER WOODS: Yeah, that wasn't a very good lie. I was trying to leave it in the rough just out of the bunker and leave it short of the flag and it just bounced and skidded. I wasn't trying to hit the ball anywhere near that flag, I was just trying to take my medicine, try and get up and down for par and move on. The next thing you know, I'm down the hill and in this sandy lie, nasty little shot and it didn't work out.

Q. What's the plan between now and the flight? Will you let yourself kind of stew on this one a little bit or is it right back to being organization --

TIGER WOODS: No, we've got -- hell, we've got 23 hours in a tin can, so we've got a long way to go down there. The guys will be relaxing, doing whatever we need to do. We've got a bunch of stuff to sign for the tournament, so the guys will be taking care of that. Lots of reading, lots of card playing and lots of needling.

Q. Speaking of next week, there was a lot made with what happened with Patrick yesterday in the bunker. Is there any concern or thought in terms of that becoming a distraction next week? I'm sure he'll be asked about it then and that sort of thing.

TIGER WOODS: Of course we're going to be asked, but when it comes right down to it, we'll just get ready to play and play. Whatever Patrick has put out there is he's focused like he is in every Cup, he just goes out and gets his point. Next week will be no different.

Q. You've known Henrik for a long time. What impresses you about him as a player and a person?

TIGER WOODS: I think we can all agree on this, of where he has come back from. He completely lost his game there for a while and couldn't hit it on the map, then come back, work all the way back to being a major champion and won tournaments all around the world. We all know he's one of the best ball-strikers there is out here, it's just how well he putts, and this week he definitely putted well and putted honest.

Q. How was the week for you this week, four rounds and everything?

TIGER WOODS: It was a good solid week. Golf-wise, it was a good solid week. I wish I could have, as I said earlier, I wish I could have hit the ball a little bit closer. I had a few 9-irons on down I normally would hit in there a little bit closer than I did this week. If I would have given myself a few more looks, this might have been a different story, but I just didn't --

Q. How happy are you about the performance of your team?

TIGER WOODS: I'm very happy with most of the team. The fact that 11 out of 12 guys played this week, some played well, some didn't, but at least they were able to knock off some rust, get some feel. Rickie hasn't played since the TOUR Championship, it was nice to see him get four rounds in, get the feeling back in his hands and his body and hitting shots again. It's so different playing at home for cash versus playing out here with a scorecard, so it was nice to see. And hopefully Dustin's feeling a little bit better, hopefully swelling stays down over the next 23 hours because it's a long flight down there. The guys will be ready.

Q. You mentioned Henrik's comeback. Do you think you empathize more with stuff like that more now that your own career's had its ups and downs?

TIGER WOODS: I can understand it. Mine was probably a little bit different than Henrik's. Henrik had a knee issue there and he ended up having surgery on his knee.

But for me, you guys all saw it, I just wasn't very good physically and it led to a lot of bad rounds and bad shots. Luckily, it was enough to have a procedure to fix it and give myself another chance.

The way that Henrik has fought his way back, the countless hours he's hit golf balls to figure it out, there aren't a lot of guys who lose their golf swing and come back. You can lose a putting stroke, change a grip and come back, but you lose a golf swing and he can't find a map off the tee, that's way harder to come back from. What he's done, what he's shown over his career is very impressive, especially he's in his 40s now and he's worked very hard to get here.