

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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TIGER WOODS (-7)

Q. I want to talk about two key shots, I think the chip-in at 4 to keep that momentum going.

TIGER WOODS: That feels huge. I got off to a quick start early and I missed the one on two, which I should have made. But I was 2 under through three and stuck it on the grouped there on four and hit over the right. Hit a terrible flop shot but salvaged it with a nice little chip.

Q. I have to talk to you now about 18, not a very good wedge. I said earlier in the week and I'm going to say it again, from 60 to 125, if you were dialed in, you'd be a lot deeper right now. What a great save.

TIGER WOODS: Yeah, no doubt. I wish I could have put that ball in a better spot to give myself a putt at it. I was trying to leave where I had my putts end up at, got a little steep on it, went a little far, but it was important to make that putt. Right now I'm four back, yeah, four back. It could be five or six by the end of the day, so it was important to have some kind of positive momentum going into tomorrow.

Q. Is there a number that is insurmountable, do you think, depending on what happens in the next hour?

TIGER WOODS: No. Right now there's, what, seven, eight guys ahead of me right now. You know, by the end of the day there'll probably be probably 10, 11, 12 guys ahead of me. I still got to go out there and post a low one tomorrow, still got to make a bunch of birdies tomorrow and move up that board.

Q. Given how long it takes for you to get ready for a round, how tough is it when you keep getting pushed back incrementally like that, or do you kind of sense that it was going to be a few hours before you started playing?

TIGER WOODS: Well, we had that I think in 2013 where they had 15-minute delays for four hours and ended up calling it a day.

We kind of knew that going into it. When we were warming up, I kept delaying the warmup, kept delaying the warmup, kind of stalling and hitting a few shots to stay loose, not wear myself out. Eventually it just socked in there and we went in the car and turned the heater on and stayed warm.

Q. Did you feel like you had a hard time getting momentum going on the back nine?

TIGER WOODS: I did, I did.

Q. Seemed like after 10 it just kind of shut down for a minute.

TIGER WOODS: I hit a decent iron shot into 10, but stuck it in the ground on 11. Three-putted 11 and just never really got anything going coming home. It was important to make that putt on 18. I should have been putting for birdie, but ended up making a nice par putt.

Q. That start, a little bit better than what it was yesterday, do you think?

TIGER WOODS: I was going to say something going up to the green with Joey, but decided to keep my mouth shut this time.

Q. At least until you made the putt?

TIGER WOODS: Exactly, and then I started woofin' on the back of the green.

Q. How much momentum was that for you being able to make that birdie on No. 1 starting today?

TIGER WOODS: Well, I knew the goal was to get to double digits at the end of the day. I figured that would be within maybe the last couple groups going out tomorrow. Wasn't quite able to get there, but hopefully tomorrow I can get off to another quick start and keep it going.

Q. There's obviously a ways to go, but you've set so many high bar records, the cut streak and all that kind of stuff, what does 83 mean to you at the end of the day?

TIGER WOODS: Well, I'll just say what 82 means: Consistency over a long period of time. You're not going to win them all, and I've put myself there in the position to win a lot of events. I've lost my share of events, but in order to win them, you've got to be there a lot. Over the course of 20-plus years out here, I've been pretty consistent.

Q. Do you feel 82 is more impressive than 15 at the moment? Where does it stand for you? I know it's majors --

TIGER WOODS: I think they're both good numbers.

Q. They are, but in terms of, I don't know if you rank some of your great things you've done over the years.

TIGER WOODS: Well, I think it's either the cut streak or it's four straight majors or it's six straight USGA titles, those are -- I kind of like the 36 matches in a row, that was pretty good.

Q. You always talk about getting the feels back after a break. Do you have your feels back?

TIGER WOODS: Yeah. You know, I would say "ish." There were a couple times that we were talking about earlier with a new ball, it was going through the wind a little bit better and trying to get a feel for that. You know, I missed my numbers a few times out there the last couple days and need to clean that up.

Q. You've played with about 20 new guys in the last couple years. What did you make of Tyler?

TIGER WOODS: Tyler's a good dude, man. I know his brother. It's cool to see him go out there and play as well as he did. It was a different atmosphere for him, first time he's been out in an atmosphere like that and he handled himself great.

Q. Would you be nervous if you were them?

TIGER WOODS: Yeah, I was in that position. It was a long time ago, but I was there, I was there. And it's a learning process. You've got to go through it, you've got to put yourself in those positions and learn from them and build from there, and he'll do that.

Q. Is there any technology or anything else that you've used to get your feel back?

TIGER WOODS: Well, I switched drivers this week and I've driven it a little bit better. The ball's been going through the wind a little bit better and I've got to get my feels dialed in for that. As I was describing yesterday, I don't have to quite lean on it quite as much, it's not going to kick up quite as much. All the numbers that I've missed so far the last few days have all been into the wind.