

**TIGER WOODS ( -9)**

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**Q. (No microphone.)**

**TIGER WOODS:** Joey realized that and I was locked into trying to do that, didn't want to distract me with this type of news.

**Q. Did you guys ever get together later in careers and talk about similar areas in terms of living in fishbowl?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, when he retired we'd work out at Equinox together. I was always getting up early, he'd get up early, we'd work out. You know, he liked and enjoyed retired life, but he missed being competitive beyond the course and doing what he did, but it was his time.

We really connected on more the mental side of it, the prep, how much it takes to be prepared. For me, I don't have to react like he does in my sport, we can take our time, but you've still got to pay attention to the details and that's what he did better than probably any other player in NBA history. He paid attention to the details, the little things. The amount of hours that he spent in the gym in the offseason and during the summers to work on shots and do all the different things, it looked like it came natural to him on the court during game time, but he spent more hours looking at film and trying to figure out what's the best way to become better. That's where he and I really connected, because we're very similar. We both came in the league -- well, he came in the league and I turned pro right around the same time and we had our 20-year run together. It's shocking.

**Q. How does something like this change your perspective on what's important and what's not?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Well, life is very fragile as we all know. You can be gone at any given time and we have to appreciate the moments that we have. I just can't imagine what his family's going through right now.