

**ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**TIGER WOODS ( E )**

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**Q. Tiger, is it fair to say you're a little bit more optimistic now than when you started the week, and if so, why?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, yeah. I mean, just like I said to you guys on Tuesday, I'm curious just like you guys what this is going to look like. I haven't done it in a while, I haven't done it with my ankle the way it is now and I was excited each and every day to kind of get through it and kind of start piecing rounds together again. I haven't done this in a long time so it was fun to feel that again.

Every day I got faster into the round. The first day took me a while to get a handle on it, second day was faster, today was right away. And that's eventually, when I play on a regular basis, that's normally how it is. It takes me usually during warmup before I get a feel for the round. To be honest, that first day took me a while.

**Q. Tiger, just golf-wise, the best part of the week and maybe the part that you want to do better?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I think the best part of the week is the way I drove it. I drove it on pretty much a string all week. Granted, these fairways are big. I felt like I had my ball speed up, which was nice, and I was hitting the middle of the face the entire week, which is nice.

So it's not like I have to go and try and find something the next few weeks or something going into next year; what I've been working on is right there and maybe just tighten up a little bit.

**Q. And then maybe the thing you want to do better?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I would say short game, but every time you come here everybody says the same thing around this place, it's one of the most difficult golf courses we come to with grain and having to chip the ball up with the holes running away from you. It's tough. There's a lot of -- Sam and I were talking about it today, you use 3-wood, 4-iron, 5-wood, hybrid. That was kind of -- he was talking about using pitching wedge instead of a 60. These are all weird things that we don't normally see, right? It's normally just a lob wedge and go hack it out, but this is a different golf course around the greens.

**Q. I think Todd just asked you, does a tournament a month still seem a little more realistic than it did five days ago?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah. I think that I can get into the rhythm of it. I think that having a couple



of weeks off to recover, a week to build up, there's no reason why I can't get into that rhythm. It's just a matter of getting in better shape basically. I feel like my game's not that far off, but I need to get in better shape.

**Q. Between approach shots, putting and par 5 scoring, which bothered you the most this week?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I didn't play the par 5s well at all. Whether it was from the fairway or from the sand or from the bushes, wherever it may be, I didn't take care of the par 5s at all. When you have par 5s that are reachable, you have to play them better than I did.

**Q. Tiger, your focus was your body, your focus was trying to get the rust off. How often did you look at the scores, how much did you look at them, each hole and overall?**

**TIGER WOODS:** You mean today or at home?

**Q. Over the four days.**

**TIGER WOODS:** Over the four days? Well, yesterday's score wasn't indicative to how I played. I played definitely better than the score I shot. Today's about right, but still that's pretty far off the pace. Granted there's only 20 guys in this field, but I felt like if I would have taken care of the par 5s better and playing everything better I might have been near double digits. But that's not good enough. I've got some work to do and excited to get back to work.

**Q. Did Rob do enough to earn another week on the bag?**

**TIGER WOODS:** Yeah, I think he got an appreciation for how hard the job is. With so many different numbers and things that you have to calculate and how to stay in the present and stay in the future for the next shot and other shots and angles and winds, he got a better appreciation I think for how easy Joey made it look.

**Q. Is there a scenario where Charlie could be on the bag in a major?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I don't know yet. We haven't talked about it.

**Q. Could be?**

**TIGER WOODS:** As I said, we haven't talked about it.

**Q. Tiger, at the Masters when you had the ankle thing going, you said that it was taking you about four to five hours to recover from each round. Can you give us an idea as to how much time it is now taking you to recover after the fusion?**

**TIGER WOODS:** It's about the same, just I don't have the bone pain that I did. But I still



have to go through the same protocols. It takes a long time. That's the unfortunate thing about aging and trying to do something that either I've worn out my body or trying to keep up with the younger people, it takes a long time pre and post. You spend more time in the treatment room and weight room than you do on a golf course. That's just part of wanting to hang around as an athlete.

**Q. Would it be accurate to say (inaudible)?**

**TIGER WOODS:** I'm ecstatic how the week turned out not just from me playing but I think organizationally of the event and how everything's been run. Just the whole week has been very smooth and I think everyone here has enjoyed it.

