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The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club

Tiger Woods

Charlie Woods

Quick Quotes

Q. Could we ask you about the ace, first? Your first one, the thrill of doing that, especially here?

CHARLIE WOODS: It was awesome having Dad there. That was so much fun.

It was just a perfect 7-iron, little cut in there. Of course never got to see it go in. So that sucks. But that's all right.

Q. What was it like for you?

TIGER WOODS: We heard it up on the green on the right and left but we were totally unsure until the TV confirmed it. And we went nuts. I don't know what we did but we enjoyed it. It was an unbelievable moment. I was talking to Todd out there, and that two-hole stretch, that was his first eagle he ever made out there on 3, and then his first hole-in-one.

Q. Where does today, the hole-in-one, being in contention, being in the playoff, rank in the most fun you've had on the golf course?

CHARLIE WOODS: No. 1. It's not even close.

TIGER WOODS: That was the thrill of a lifetime to be able to have that moment with Charlie, make his first hole-in-one, Sam on the bag, just our family and friends. That's what this event is about. It's about bonding and family.

For us to have that experience together, I know we didn't win, but it was the fact that we competed. No one really made a mistake out there. We had to earn it, and that's what you want to have. Hats off to Langers. They played amazing.

Q. Having said that, how impressed are you with Bernhard's game at 67?

TIGER WOODS: We were talking about that all day.



CHARLIE WOODS: It was awesome.

TIGER WOODS: It's incredible, right?

CHARLIE WOODS: Speechless. He didn't miss a shot out there.

TIGER WOODS: The driver he hit out of the bunker on 14, that was one of the best shots I've ever seen.

CHARLIE WOODS: Yours wasn't too bad either (laughter).

TIGER WOODS: It was okay. It was okay.

Q. Just from his fitness level, too, the training that he does to be in the shape he's in, how impressive is that?

TIGER WOODS: Well, it's a commitment to a lifestyle. You look at what Gary has done over the years. He's still out here competing at 89 years old, and look what Bernie has done over the years. That consistency to healthy lifestyle, training, just that ability to focus, and commitment to fitness.

I mean, most of the golf community, they are willing to embrace fitness. Gary and Bernie were at forefront of it, and look how much they are able to enjoy it on the back end.

Q. Where are you physically at this point? Obviously you've been down playing, got a long way to go, but do you take any encouragement out of some things that you did these last couple days?

TIGER WOODS: I did a few things here and there. I'm a great scramble partner. I can hit a few shots here and there.

This is all about family. This is about bonding and it's about having a great time and we did that. This is a thrill of a lifetime for us to be able to experience this all together.

Q. What part of Charlie's game impressed you the most?

TIGER WOODS: He's gotten better at every facet of the



game. That's a commitment to practicing and developing as a player. I think that most of us forget he's only 15 years old. I know he's been doing this in front of the media for a long time. But being only 15, I think it's incredible what he's been able to accomplish so far, and the ceiling that he has is unlimited.

Q. Do you have flashbacks to your own career as you look at Charlie and how he's coming along?

TIGER WOODS: I wish I hit it that far and that good. I definitely did not do that at his age.

CHARLIE WOODS: Dad, I didn't win as many tournaments as you did.

TIGER WOODS: I made a couple putts (smiling).

Q. You said it was about family, but you're in the mix today. It's been a while since you guys have -- ever since you have been down the stretch in contention, is it any different when you do it alongside Charlie?

TIGER WOODS: It's more special to have Sam on the bag, and then be able to experience this, communicate with Charlie shot-for-shot. Just our team, most of the stuff, as I was alluding to early in the week, most of the stuff we do at home is against each other time and time again each and every day.

But this week is different. We're a team, and this is about family. That's what makes this week, and all the players that are out with their families, that's what makes this week so special.

Q. Do the old competitive juices still come back in that situation?

TIGER WOODS: Yeah, I kind of remembered a few things here and there.

Q. What did it feel like for you going toe-to-toe? I saw you looking at the leaderboard a couple of times. And Tiger, do you see in him; Oh, yeah, I remember.

CHARLIE WOODS: I love having -- just playing against someone that doesn't make a mistake. You make one mistake, it's over. Having that pressure on you, it's fun.

Q. How do you feel after a couple of days, having not done this for so long? Is it better than you thought? Worse? Can you get back into the same routine that you've kind of had here the last couple years to try to start getting ready again?

TIGER WOODS: We'll see. I don't like this cold right now; I can tell you that.

But hey, it's training, each and every day, doing the little things and keep progressing, and I'll keep progressing forward into next year.

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