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Press Release

“Tiger Won the Memorial & Ready for the 2009 US Open”

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Riviera Beach, FL (USA), June 12, 2009: Tiger Woods (33) has now won 67 official PGA Tour Titles. He is currently 4th in this years FedExCup standings having played in only seven 2009 PGA Tournaments with a scoring average of 69.58. He has won \$3,246,813. He won Arnold Palmer's 2009 Tournament and finished 8th at The PLAYERS though he had a chance to win it but “fell by the wayside.” This left the doubters wondering whether he was fit to play as a result of his surgically repaired left knee surgery in June 2008 and his overall golf game.

Well, Eldrick “Tiger” Woods answered his “naysayers” with a resounding come from 4 strokes behind victory at Jack Nicklaus' Memorial Tournament at the Muirfield Village Golf Club, June 7, 2009. Woods shot a near flawless 7-under-par 65 to win the Memorial for a record 4th time and \$1,030,000. He didn't miss a fairway and finished with a 54-hole score of 12-under 276. Woods told the media before the Memorial "I knew it was coming around. I just wasn't as consistent as I needed to be." For the week, Woods hit 87.5 percent of the fairways in regulation -- second in the field -- and tied for third in greens in regulation at 73.6 percent. Woods put on a clinic on the last day of the Memorial. The last time Woods hit every fairway was in the 2nd round of the 2003 Arnold Palmer Invitational. "I knew I could do this," Woods said after birdies on the final two holes gave him a one-shot victory. "I was close to winning, but the game wasn't quite there when I really needed it on at Palmers Tournament. I rectified that." "It was nice to play this well going into the U.S. Open," Woods said. "This is how you have to hit it in order to win U.S. Opens."

"I wish you'd all quit (ticking) him off," runner-up Jim Furyk said with a smile. "That's about all I have to say about that. Wish you'd just quit chapping him so much and make him come back and keep proving stuff." "Tiger Woods is always Tiger Woods. He can't be 100 percent every week, but I'm sure he answered a lot of questions today." Ask Woods and his answer was as simple as it was sublime. "It was just a matter of time," the world's No. 1 player said. **CONGRATULATIONS MR. ELDRICK “Tiger” WOODS!!**

Host Jack Nicklaus observed before his tournament that Woods, with 14 career majors, would probably break his record of 18 majors in a couple of years. "I suspect No. 15 will come for Tiger Woods in about two weeks," Nicklaus said at the trophy presentation. "If he drives the ball this way, and plays this way, I'm sure it will. And if not, it will surprise me greatly. One year I went eight or nine tournaments, and they said, what's wrong with Nicklaus? He didn't win a major," the Golden Bear recalled. "I finished second in three of them, but I didn't win. So I'm in a slump." "He goes through the same thing. It's the same thing every time. You just really can't pay much attention to it. You've just got to go about and do what you do. That's what he's been doing, going about and doing what he does."

YES, Woods also silenced the skeptics who wondered if he was ready to defend his 2008 U.S. Open Title this week at the acclaimed Bethpage State Park's “People's Country Club - Black Course” in Farmingdale, NY. Determined players have been known to sleep in their cars just for a chance to play the famed course. In 2002, Bethpage Black became the first municipally owned daily fee course to host the United States Golf Association's national championship. A win this week at the U.S. Open would put Woods one step closer to Nicklaus' record of 18 professional majors - a feat that many, including the Golden Bear himself -- believe to be inevitable. “Tiger's Sunday Glory” folk will probably get one more chance “to cheer.” Remember what I said last, “Tiger knows the answers but no matter what, “I am still a believer.” Do you also believe me know?

Junior golfers from everywhere but specifically Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties should be reminded to never give up, finish the course, stay focused, keep your eyes on the prize and “Say No To Drugs – Say Yes To Education, Culture & Golf.”

