

Tiger Woods' tumultuous timeline

The name Tiger Woods conjures up images of fist pumps, trophy hoisting, countless mistresses and car windows bashed in by a golf club. Though the famous golfer's infidelity was exposed almost four years ago, Woods still bears the shame of his infidelity on his way back to the top. Now that Woods' career is taking an upward turn with his recent victories, The Guilfordian is taking a look back at his career, including the record victories and the dramatic lows of his career, personal life and public image.

2004

Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren are married in a ceremony fit for golf's number one player. Together, the couple had two children.

2006

Earl Woods, Tiger's father and a decorated veteran, lost his battle to prostate cancer. He survived eight years with the condition. Tiger's father was his first teacher and mentor, so his death caused a slight decline in his career.

2013

Woods creates a full comeback in his career, continuing a string of victories including the Farmer's Insurance Open, WGC-Cadillac Championship and the Arnold Palmer Invitational. He returned to his spot as number one golfer. His personal life was also revived with a new relationship with skier Lindsey Vonn.

2003

At age 27, Woods proposed to his 23-year-old model girlfriend Elin Nordegren at the South African Shamwari Game Reserve. It was a romantic night that they spent under the stars of the African sky.

2009

At 2:25 a.m., Woods crashed his car on a fire hydrant outside his mansion home in Orlando. Police stated that his wife had to break him out of this car with a golf club. Woods reportedly spoke incoherently until he arrived at the hospital to treat his minor injuries. This incident ultimately broke the wall of privacy in Woods' life, revealing a tremendous scandal to come.

2012

Attempting to return to his former glory, Tiger experienced a 30-month winless drought in his career. It ended with a dominating victory at the PGA Tour's Arnold Palmer Invitational the next year.

2000

In a breakout season, Tiger won 11 tournaments including six in a row. Woods also won the PGA Championship in consecutive years, first to do so since Denny Shute in 1936-37. In all, he earned a whopping \$11,034,530 worldwide.

2010

On live television programming from Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Woods made a public apology confirming the rumors of his infidelity. He held a stern composure which was scrutinized heavily by reporters. His sadness was not fully understood until the end of the broadcast when he embraced his mother.

1997

Woods obtained four PGA tour event victories including his first Masters. He won Arnold Palmer Award with a then-record of \$2,440,831 worldwide in 25 events. Woods became the youngest-ever number one Official World Golf Ranking golfer at age 21 years old.

2010

Woods and his wife's divorce was finalized, costing the golfer up to \$750 million. The custody of their two children was split equally with specific schedules for custody times.

1996

Woods turned professional after an impressive amateur career. He collected the Fred Haskins and Jack Nicklaus College Play of the Year Awards, three consecutive U.S. Amateur titles and finishing with a record 18 consecutive match-play victories.

Woods was also named the Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year after his victory at the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship. This recognition put him into the leagues of such sports legends as Muhammad Ali, Bobby Morrow and Chris Evert.

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