

Tiger Woods wins Masters, his first major in 11 years



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Tiger Woods completed one of sport's great all-time comebacks to end an 11-year major title drought at the Masters on Sunday by claiming a fifth Green Jacket.

1. It's being called _____
2. Tiger Woods, after 11 years without a major title, _____

- 3-1. It is his first Masters win _____
3-2. one _____
4. Personal crises plagued Woods for years _____

- 5-1. And after a series of professional injuries, _____

- 5-2. whether _____
6. But a spinal-fusion procedure _____
7. He was a title contender at last year's British Open _____

- 8-1. And the 43-year-old said the 2019 Masters tournament was _____

- 8-2. because _____
- 9-1. Sunday's triumph brings Woods _____

- 9-2. and has renewed talks of him _____

[Vocabulary]

major: very important

title: the position of a winner in a sports competition

• On top of winning the scoring title, he was also named MVP.

major title:

Masters: Masters Tournament; one of the four major championships in professional golf.

Scheduled for the first full week of April, the Masters is the first major of the year, and unlike the others, it is always held at the same location, Augusta National Golf Club, a private course in the southeastern United States, in the city of Augusta, Georgia.

The tournament has a number of traditions. Since 1949, a green jacket has been awarded to the champion, who must return it to the clubhouse one year after his victory, although it remains his personal property and is stored with other champions' jackets in a specially designated cloakroom.

Augusta National: Augusta National Golf Club; located in Augusta, Georgia, is one of the most famous golf clubs in the world.

claim: to win something such as a prize or a top position in a sport

- *1976 was the year Borg claimed his first Wimbledon title.*

Green Jacket: the prize bestowed each year to the golfer who wins the Masters Tournament at Augusta National

overall: when everything is considered

- *Overall, our position is stronger than it was last year.*

plague: to cause a lot of problems for someone or something for a long period of time

- *I'm sure this has probably been asked before, but this question has plagued me for years.*

publicize: to publish or broadcast information about a thing or person

- *She told her husband not to publicize their private lives.*

publicized: made known; especially made widely known

- Franklin became the American spokesman in highly **publicized** testimony in Parliament in 1766.

marital: of or relating to the state of marriage

dispute: a disagreement or argument about something important

- *"He had a dispute with his wife."*

surgery: medical treatment in which a doctor cuts open someone's body

- *He had to undergo heart bypass surgery.*

tournament: a series of games in which the winner of each game plays in the next game until there is one player or team left

spine: the row of bones down or along the middle of a human's or animal's back ♦backbone

- *The doctor told him that the injury to his spine was serious.*

spinal: relating to your spine

fusion: a process in which two substances or pieces of a substance join together to form one thing

- *This new house is a fusion of classic and contemporary styles.*

spinal fusion: correction of an unstable part of the spine by joining two or more vertebrae; usually done surgically but sometimes done by traction or immobilization

procedure: a medical operation that is done in a particular way

- *It's a difficult procedure that can take 7 or 8 hours.*

new lease on life: An opportunity to live longer than was expected, due to some kind of reprieve.

- *My mother had a new lease on life when she got a good result on the last checkup.*

contender: someone who competes with other people for a prize or job

• *She's one of three contenders for the vice-presidency.*

title contender:

British Open: It is one of the four major championships in professional golf, and is the oldest of the four. The Open is traditionally played in mid-July. It was first played in 1860 at Prestwick Golf Club in Scotland. The Open has always been held in the United Kingdom and is the only major played outside the United States.

runner-up: a person or team that does not win a competition or race but is second, or is close to winning

• *She was runner-up in the miss Hawaii contest.*

PGA: = Professional Golfers' Association; an American organization of golf professionals that was founded in 1916. Consisting of nearly 29,000 men and women members, the PGA of America's undertaking is to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf.

PGA Championship: an annual golf tournament conducted by the Professional Golfers' Association of America. It is one of the four major championships in professional golf.

Masters tournament: a golf competition that is played in the U.S. every year. The Masters Tournament is often simply called **the Masters**.

near victory:

Jack Nicklaus: = Jack William Nicklaus United States golfer considered by many to be the greatest golfer of all time (born in 1940)

renew: to do something again after a pause, usually with more energy or emphasis than before

• *The parties renewed their efforts to sign a peace treaty.*

make a run at: to attempt to do, achieve, or accomplish something.

• *I'd like to make a run at writing a children's book someday.*

overall record: