

Woods' Mastery of Augusta

The American has won the Green Jacket five times and is the defending champion ahead of this week's coronavirus-delayed edition. Can he tie the all-time record, held by Jack Nicklaus, with another improbable victory on Sunday?

KEY NUMBERS

23rd

appearance at Masters

72 holes without a three-putt in **1997**

80 pro rounds played at Augusta, **48** times broken par

0 missed cuts in 20 previous starts as a professional

65 Lowest score seven-under

12 top-five finishes, **5** wins

77 Highest score (in **1995** as an amateur)

PRIZE MONEY EARNED

US\$9,494,136

WINNING SCORES

1997	2001	2002	2005	2019
270 -18 (12-stroke margin)	272 -16 (2 strokes)	276 -12 (3 strokes)	276 -12 (play-off)	275 -13 (1 stroke)

TIGER'S CHOICE OF FOOD SERVED AT CHAMPIONS DINNER

(the previous year's winner gets to pick the menu)



1998: Cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches, french fries, milkshakes.

2002: Porterhouse steak and chicken with a sushi appetiser.

2003: Porterhouse steak, chicken, and sushi again plus sashimi, salads, crab cakes, asparagus, mashed potatoes and a chocolate truffle cake.

2006: Stuffed jalapeno and quesadilla appetisers with salsa and guacamole; green salad; steak fajitas, chicken fajitas, Mexican rice, refried beans; apple pie and ice cream for dessert.

2020* (original plan before Covid-19 postponement): Steak, chicken fajitas, sushi and sashimi. Milkshakes as dessert.



THREE ICONIC MEMORIES

1 The breakthrough

The 21-year-old, in his first Masters as a professional, rewrites the history books by shooting a record 18 under par to finish 12 shots clear of second-placed Tom Kite. He became the youngest and first non-white player to win at Augusta.

2 The chip

Perhaps the greatest shot of Woods' career came at the par-three 16th at Augusta in 2005. In an awkward position 25 feet from the hole, he chips in for an impossible birdie and eventually beats Chris DiMarco in a play-off to win.



3 The penalty

Given a two-shot penalty for an illegal drop on the 15th during the second round instead of immediate disqualification. He eventually finishes tied-fourth, four shots behind eventual 2013 winner Adam Scott.

This is very different. (Nick) Faldo is not lying second for a start, and Greg Norman is not Tiger Woods.

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SCOTLAND'S COLIN MONTGOMERIE, after playing with Woods in the third round in 1997, was reminded Greg Norman had blown a six-shot lead the year before.

We all apologise for the delay, ladies and gentlemen. President (George W.) Bush just called Tiger and expressed his congratulations.

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BILLY PAYNE, then chairman of the media committee, at the post-round media interview in 2001 after Woods had won and completed the Tiger Slam (winning four Majors in a row).