

Who Is Tiger Woods?

Professional golfer Tiger Woods has won 82 PGA Tour events—tied with Sam Snead for the most ever—and 15 major championships, the second-most in history. Woods broke onto the scene at age 21 by winning the 1997 Masters with a record score, making him the youngest man and the first African American to earn the title. Over the next 12 years, Woods won 13 more majors and was named the PGA Player of the Year 10 times. He became one of the highest-earning athletes in any sport, thanks in large part to a lucrative endorsement deal with Nike, and is considered one of the most famous athletes of the 21st century. However, Woods has struggled to regain his top form after a string of personal problems surfaced in 2009, followed by a series of injuries. A 2021 car accident in California subsequently ended his career as a full-time professional, but he continues competing in select tournaments.



Eldrick Tont Woods, better known as Tiger Woods, was born on December 30, 1975, in Cypress, California, the only child of a Black father and a Thai mother. His dad, Earl, was an officer in the Army and met his mom, Kultida, while stationed in Thailand during the Vietnam War.



Earl began calling his son “Tiger” when he was a child in honor of a fellow soldier and friend who had the same name. The father and son were very close. “My dad was my best friend and greatest role model,” Tiger shared on his website announcing Earl’s May 2006 death from prostate cancer.

Earl was the person who first introduced young Tiger to golf. The future champion learned to play as a young boy, with his dad serving as his teacher and mentor. By the age of 8, Tiger had become extremely proficient at the game, even showing off his skills on television shows such as Good Morning America. Woods eventually studied at Stanford University and won a number of amateur U.S. golf titles before turning professional in 1996 at age 20.

Early Career (1997-2009)

Woods shot to fame after winning the Masters in 1997—with a record score of 270—at age 21. He became the youngest person to earn the title and the first Black person to accomplish this feat.

In his first appearance at the British Open later that year, Woods tied the course record of 64. The next few years brought even more successes, including four U.S. PGA titles, three U.S. Open wins, three Open Championship wins, and three Masters wins.

1. Where was Tiger Woods born?

- a) Cypress, California
- b) Augusta, Georgia
- c) Orlando, Florida
- d) Las Vegas, Nevada

2. What is Tiger Woods' real name?

- a) Eldrick Tont Woods
- b) Eldrick Sam Snead
- c) Eldrick Tiger Woods
- d) Eldrick Earl Woods

3. How many major championships has Tiger Woods won?

- a) ten
- b) fifteen
- c) twenty
- d) eighteen

4. Who introduced Tiger Woods to golf?

- a) His mother
- b) His grandfather
- c) His father
- d) His uncle

5. At what age did Tiger Woods turn professional?

- a) 18
- b) 20
- c) 21
- d) 25

6. How many times was Tiger Woods named the PGA Player of the Year?

- a) 5
- b) 8
- c) 10
- d) 12

7. What event did Tiger Woods win in 1997 with a record score?

- a) U.S. Open
- b) Masters
- c) British Open
- d) PGA Championship

8. Who was Tiger Woods' greatest role model?

- a) His mother
- b) His uncle
- c) His father
- d) His grandfather

9. What ended Tiger Woods' career as a full-time professional golfer?

- a) A serious injury
- b) A car accident
- c) Retirement
- d) Lack of interest

10. What was Tiger Woods' father's profession?

- a) Golfer
- b) Army officer
- c) Doctor
- d) Lawyer