

Woods equals Snead's 'crazy' 54-year-old record

Holds off Matsuyama to win the Zozo Championship, his 82nd PGA Tour triumph

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
INZAI (JAPAN)

Tiger Woods made golf history on Monday when he won the Zozo Championship for his 82nd US PGA Tour victory – equalling Sam Snead's 54-year-old record and adding to his long list of achievements.

The 15-time Major winner held off the challenge of home favourite Hideki Matsuyama to win by three shots at the weather-delayed tournament, his first outing since arthroscopic left knee surgery in August.

Woods broke into a huge smile after he birdied the 18th to complete a three-under final round of 67 and finish 19-under.

Crazy
“It’s just crazy. It’s a lot,” the 43-year-old Woods said of his 82nd official PGA Tour victory. His first came 23 years ago this month in Las Vegas, when he was 20.

“It’s been a long week, five days at the top of the board is a long time. It was definitely stressful,” said Woods, who pocketed a cheque for \$1.755 million.

Woods led from gun to tape in the inaugural US PGA Tour event in Japan, which saw Friday’s play washed out by the fringes of a typhoon that dumped almost 25cm of rain on the course 80km from Tokyo, forcing play into an extra day.

“It’s about consistency and doing it for a long period of time,” Woods said of tying Snead, who died in 2002 four days before his 90th

birthday.

“Sam did it into his fifties and I’m in my early to mid-forties. I’ve been very fortunate to have had the career I’ve had so far.”

Woods said it was “cool” that, with the addition of his latest title in Japan, he had now won US PGA Tour events in seven different countries.

Global player
“I’ve always been a global player, I’ve always played all around the world and to tie the record outside the United States is pretty cool,” Woods told reporters.

“This was big,” said a smiling Woods. “Hideki made it tight. It was a lot closer than what people probably thought.”

Woods’ playing partner Gary Woodland said he had been privileged to have a front-row seat for the last two rounds.

“Obviously, the Majors speak for themselves, but 82 is just a crazy number,” said the 35-year-old US Open champion, who himself has won four times on the PGA Tour.

“You look at the guys that have won 10 times and it’s pretty special, let alone to come out here and win 82 times.”

McIlroy joint third
World No. 2 Rory McIlroy finished birdie-birdie for a 67 and a share of third place on 13-under with South Korea’s PGA Tour Rookie-of-the-Year Im Sung-jae who had a 65.

Tale of the Tiger

Tiger Woods on Monday clinched his second title of the year, equalling Sam Snead's record of 82 PGA Tour wins

359

PGA Tour events played

82

PGA Tour triumphs

15

Number of Majors won

5

Masters (1997, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2019)

4

PGA Championships (1999, 2000, 2006, 2007)

3

U.S. Open (2000, 2002, 2008)

3

The Open (2000, 2005, 2006)

\$120,459,468

Career earnings (most all-time)

683

Weeks at No. 1 in the rankings

10

PGA Tour Money leader (1997, 1999-2002, 2005-2007, 2009, 2013)

IT HASN'T ALL BEEN PEACHY FOR THE LEGEND, THOUGH

5Knee operations


4Back surgeries


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TITLES BY AGE

Sam Snead	Victory No.	Tiger Woods
25	5	21
26	10	23
28	20	24
32	30	26
34	40	28
37	50	30
38	60	31
41	70	33
47	79	37
47	80	42
52	82	43

TRIBUTES

Incredibly happy for @TigerWoods - and for the game of golf - on his 82nd @PGATOUR win

It's just one of those 'wow' moments. When you see something happen in sport that you didn't think was possible, it's just a really historic and special moment for our sport

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Jack Nicklaus, who holds the record with 18 Majors

Jay Monahan, PGA Tour boss

Gary Woodland, US Open champion

Red-letter day for Papua New Guinea as it qualifies for T20 WC

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
DUBAI

Papua New Guinea (PNG) will make its first-ever appearance at a mega event after beating Kenya here on Sunday to book its place at next year's T20 World Cup.

PNG hammered Kenya by 45 runs at the Dubai International Stadium but had to wait for the result of Netherlands' game against Scotland before it could celebrate an automatic qualification for the tournament in Australia.

The Dutch beat Scotland by four wickets but failed to knock off the 131 they needed for victory in 12.3 overs which meant that PNG topped the group with a higher net run-rate.

"I am feeling a little emotional," PNG's Australian coach Joe Dawes told the ICC. "It's been a pretty big two years, for them to achieve this is pretty special."



Dance of delight: Papua New Guinea players celebrate the fall of a Kenyan wicket.

PNG was facing disaster as it slipped to 19 for six in four overs but Norman Vanua led the recovery, clubbing 54 from 48 balls and sharing a seventh-wicket partnership of 77 with Sese Bau.

Kenya needed to reach the target of 118 in 12 overs to

have any chance of qualifying for the playoffs but the batsmen were unable to get out of first gear.

Ireland also booked a ticket to Australia, thanks to results elsewhere going in its favour, with Jersey defeating Oman on the final day of

group-stage action.

As well as reaching next year's showpiece, both PNG and Ireland will also progress to the semifinals of the ongoing qualifying tournament, where they will play the winners of the two semifinal playoffs.

PNG's fantastic journey

Papua New Guinea

bt Bermuda by **10 wickets**
bt Namibia by **81 runs**
lost to Scotland by **4 runs**
bt Netherlands by **5 wickets**
bt Singapore by **43 runs**
bt Kenya by **45 runs**

THE ARCHITECTS

Name	Innings	Runs	Highest	Average	Strike Rate	50s/100s
Assad Vala	6	184	53*	36.80	128.67	1/0
Tony Ura	6	177	71	35.40	119.59	1/0
Sese Bau	5	92	34*	23.00	96.84	0/0
Norman Vanua	4	89	54	29.66	125.35	1/0
Lega Siaka	5	71	31	14.20	129.09	0/0

Batting

Name	Innings	Wickets	BBi	Average	Economy	4W/5W
Damien Ravu	6	10	4/18	8.50	4.72	1/0
Assad Vala	5	9	3/7	8.11	4.56	0/0
Nosaina Pokana	6	9	3/21	17.77	7.38	0/0
Norman Vanua	6	8	3/14	13.12	5.72	0/0
Charles Amini	6	6	2/24	16.33	5.15	0/0

Ganguly to meet NCA head Dravid

The duo to discuss roadmap for the academy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Longtime teammates Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid will reconnect in Bengaluru on Wednesday as BCCI president and head of National Cricket Academy respectively to discuss the roadmap of Indian cricket's feeder line.

Dravid, who took charge as NCA chief in July, has already drawn a roadmap for the institution and Ganguly is expected to give his inputs when the two former captains meet.

The meeting will be attended by all the newly elected BCCI office-bearers who took charge on October 23. NCA CEO Tufan Ghosh will also be part of the discussion.

For the past few years, NCA, which was supposed to be the supply line of Indian cricket, has actually become a rehabilitation centre, which even Ganguly acknowledged after taking over.

Ganguly is expected to be updated on the new NCA project, which is being developed.

"Ganguly and Dravid will be discussing the way forward for NCA and the issues it faces," said a BCCI official.



Talking heads: Ganguly and Dravid will exchange ideas on the functioning of the NCA.

BCB to consult players on D/N Test at Eden

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Bangladesh Cricket Board on Sunday confirmed that the BCCI has requested it to play a day-night Test during the upcoming India tour and it will respond after consulting their players and the team management.

BCB's cricket operations chairman Akram Khan said the BCCI had communicated a few days back. "They have proposed and we will let them know after thinking a while. We received the letter two or three days (ago) and we will take a decision in this regard," Khan said.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BASEL

Roger Federer won his 10th Basel title on Sunday, smothering young Australian Alex de Minaur 6-2, 6-2 to secure what the Swiss legend described as "an unbelievable" success at the hometown tournament where he used to work as a ball-boy.

The 38-year-old had to control his emotions as he drew a loud and heartfelt standing ovation from his home crowd during the presentation of his 103rd career trophy.

At Connors' heels
He is now just six short of



Remembering the beginning: Federer, who began his career as a ball-boy in Basel, has a treat for the ball-kids.

the record 109 ATP titles won by American Jimmy Connors.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion said it was as a ball-boy at the St. Jakobshalle more than two decades ago that he got his first taste of tennis.

"Being a ball-boy really inspired me," he said. "But I cannot believe that I've won here 10 times. I never even thought I would win it once."

Later on Monday, Federer announced he was withdrawing from this week's Paris Masters in order to "pace" himself for the next year.

Svitolina tames Pliskova



Doing it again: Elina Svitolina posted a fourth straight victory over a misfiring Karolina Pliskova.

WTA FINALS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SHENZHEN (CHINA)

Defending champion Elina Svitolina continued her dominance over World No. 2 Karolina Pliskova with a straight-set victory at the WTA Finals here on Monday.

Opening Purple Group, the eighth seed started her title defence impressively with a 7-6(12), 6-4 win in one hour and 53 minutes.

It was Svitolina's fourth straight victory over a misfiring Pliskova who had 42 unforced errors.

It was a disappointing result for Pliskova who started well and captured a break in the first game. But Svitolina slowly clawed her way back

Corominas saves Goa

His penalty cancels out Udanta's strike

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MARGAO

The first meeting of the season between the two Hero Indian Super League heavyweights finished all square after FC Goa and Bengaluru FC shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw here on Monday.

In what was a fiercely contested game in midfield, the teams struggled to carve out clear-cut chances but the visitors, who produced the better output in the final third, found the breakthrough through Udanta Singh in the 62nd minute.

However, in dramatic fashion, Goa's Ferran Corominas won a penalty in injury time and converted it himself to salvage a point for his team at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

The result saw FC Goa join Mumbai City and NorthEast United at the top of the table with four points from two games while Bengaluru has now been involved in a second consecutive draw.

Goa couldn't score during the period it was on top

and Bengaluru handed out the punishment in the 62nd minute. Udanta collected a simple flick from Manuel Onwu at the edge of the box, outfoxed Mourtada Fall with a sublime touch and slotted the ball past Nawaz.

With Bengaluru on the verge of victory, a clumsy challenge by Ashique Kuriniyan on Corominas after the youngster lost the ball resulted in the referee pointing to the spot.

Corominas converted coolly from 12 yards to send the home supporters into delirium and earn a point for his team.

On Sunday, host Chennaiyin FC and Mumbai City FC were wasteful upfront, squandering chances aplenty and sharing the spoils in a goalless draw.

The results: Monday: FC Goa 1 (Corominas 90+3) drew with Bengaluru FC 1 (Udanta 62); **Sunday:** Chennaiyin FC 0 drew with Mumbai City 0.

Tuesday's match

■ Jamshedpur FC vs Hyderabad FC, 7.30 p.m.



No stopping that! Udanta Singh's perfect finish gave Bengaluru FC the lead.

Gokulam loses to Abahani

SPORTS BUREAU
CHITTAGONG

Gokulam Kerala FC went down 3-2 to Chittagong Abahani Limited in the semifinals of the Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup at the M.A. Aziz Stadium on Monday.

The I-League side twice took the lead, thanks to Henry Kisekka (29th minute) and Marcus Joseph (80), but was pegged back by a Didier Brossou brace as the game went into extra-time.

Matthew Chinedu sealed Abahani's spot by scoring the winner in the 105th minute.

The result: Chittagong Abahani Limited 3 (Brossou 47 & 90, Chinedu 105) bt Gokulam Kerala FC 2 (Kisekka 29, Joseph 80).

Joshna enters third round

SPORTS BUREAU
CAIRO

India's Joshna Chinappa moved into the third round of the CIB PSA Women's World squash championship with a comfortable win over Hong Kong's Ho Tze-Lok here.

Joshna, ranked World No. 12, is set to play second seed Nour El Sherbini of Egypt in the round of 16.

The 12th seed Indian had to be on the court for just 12 minutes before her second round opponent Tze-Lok conceded the tie because of injury. Joshna was leading 11-5, 11-4 at that time.

In the Egyptian Open (men) being held simultaneously, Saurav Ghosal, who made it to the third round beating Tsz Fung Yip 11-9, 11-5, 11-4, fell to Egyptian Fares Dessouky. The unseeded Dessouky won 11-6, 11-5, 11-5.



Joshna Chinappa.