



(Hyosub Shin/Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP, File)
Tiger Woods celebrates on the 18th green after winning the Tour Championship golf tournament on Sept. 23 in Atlanta.

COLUMN: There will be talk of Woods catching Snead’s 82 career wins

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He turns 43 at the end of the year, and with age comes a dose of practical thinking.

His expectations are high by his standards. Given the level of attention he draws, the expectations of everyone around him are sure to be much higher. He was asked if he was close to having the same expectations he did 15 years ago.

“It’s not the same. It never will be. I’ll never feel that again,” he said. “To be what, 28 years old? Physically, I’ll never be like that. So expectations are different than they used to be, for sure. Now, can I still win? Can I still compete? Yes. Can I do it for the next 20 years? No. Because that’s not realistic.”

Indeed, his expectations at the peak of his career were far different.

“Just win. Win everything,” he said. “Because I felt like I could.”

And now he knows he can win again, a process that took two weeks short of a full year.

It began in early October a year ago when he posted a short video of a slow, full swing that was the first sign he could return. He was No. 1,199 in the world ranking when he played his holiday event in the Bahamas last year. He twice had a chance to win on the back nine in Florida. He had the lead on Sunday in a major at Carnoustie, and he challenged Brooks Koepka to the finish at Bellerive in the PGA Championship. He went from being a vice captain to a captain’s pick in the Ryder Cup.

Woods returns to the Bahamas at No. 13 in the world, which on paper sounds more amazing than it really is because he was so low in the ranking from having played so little that he essentially was starting from scratch. There was no way to go but up.

Woods can’t call this his best year because he had 11 years of at least five victories and nine years with at least one major through 2008, when he won his 14th major at Torrey Pines on a left leg that required season-ending surgery after the U.S. Open.

BOYS: One thing team lacks is a dominant presence inside

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The Bulldogs enter the MCC with a group of talented players, led by Ryne Andreason and Cesar Ortiz, who were first-team CRC players last year, and Jordan Ramirez, who was a second-team selection.

The one thing Hermiston lacks is a dominant presence inside. Junior Blake Davis is 6-foot-4, but from there, the Bulldogs rely on their athletic ability and knowledge of the game.

But it was special, measured beyond victories.

“Probably the most rewarding, because there was a point ... I just didn’t know if I would ever do this again,” he said. “You always hear me say, ‘It’s a process.’ But if you look at this entire year, it literally was a process. You saw me have flashes, and then I would rework a few things here and there. Toward the end of the year, I just became more and more consistent as a tournament player again.”

It culminated at East Lake, when he beat Justin Rose and then Rory McIlroy in the final group over the last two days to win the Tour Championship.

That was the moment that mattered.

And then the moment was gone. Never has a victory this big had a shelf life so short.

Woods was in Paris the next day as all the attention shifted to the Ryder Cup, which ended with a European victory and Woods failing to win a match. He says he was exhausted from a long summer. Woods qualified for the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone at the last minute, meaning he played seven big tournaments in a span of nine weeks, all of them in stifling heat except for Paris.

Winning didn’t really sink in until he returned home to Florida and was given a surprise celebration party at his restaurant. He said it has become “our Jupiter tradition,” celebrating victories for PGA Tour players when they win.

“Finally, they get to celebrate one of my wins,” he said.

The next one?

The first step is figuring out where to play. Woods is eligible for the winners-only start to the year at Kapalua, which is a possibility. He might end up dropping a tournament or two in the spring because of the crowded calendar. Three of the majors are on courses where he has won before — Augusta National, Bethpage Black (PGA Championship) and Pebble Beach (U.S. Open).

There will be talk of catching Snead and resuming the chase of Nicklaus, all because of one win that a year ago didn’t seem likely.

No. 10 Washington getting boost with return of Hunter Bryant

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SEATTLE — If there was any question whether tight end Hunter Bryant was back to being the kind of difference-maker Washington expected before injuries derailed most of his first two seasons, a two-play sequence against Washington State told the story.

In a span of just seconds, Bryant flashed across the middle for a 59-yard catch-and-run in a key third-down situation in the third quarter, showing off the kind of separation speed rare for a tight end. On the next play, Bryant sold the idea he was blocking before slipping free to catch a 22-yard touchdown on a double pass.

“He’s as sure-handed as they come. He’s just a unique, explosive athlete. That’s really what he is,” Washington coach Chris Petersen said. “He’s not a super tall receiver. He’s not a big tight end. He’s got this uniqueness to him. He’s just a playmaker. He’s a football player.”

After spending more than half the season recovering

from knee surgery in June, Bryant has provided a boost for the 10th-ranked Huskies’ offense heading into Friday’s Pac-12 championship game against No. 17 Utah. Bryant had three catches for 108 yards and a touchdown in the Apple Cup victory, along with the most snaps he’s gotten since making his season debut earlier this month.

He’ll likely be a big part of Washington’s plans after missing the matchup with Utah earlier this season.

“It felt good just to be able to help my team and help us get this win, this is a really big win for us to help us do the things we want to do with our season,” Bryant said after the Apple Cup victory. “I’m glad I was able to contribute and do everything I could to help us win.”

Bryant was one of the premier recruits to land at Washington during Petersen’s tenure. He chose to stay at home despite being courted by major programs around the country because of his unique combination of tight end size and wide receiver skills. But his career has been defined by injuries so far.

BETTING: Taxes are a thorny issue for companies

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just himself,” he said. “It’s much larger than any of us can imagine.”

New Jersey won a U.S. Supreme Court case in May clearing the way for all 50 states to offer legal sports betting should they so choose. David Rebut, director of New Jersey’s Division of Gaming Enforcement, predicted at least 12 states will move “very aggressively” to legalize sports betting in early 2019.

New York, one of the largest potential markets, has yet to pass sports betting legislation, but hasn’t given up.

“In New York, sports betting is on its back with its feet and arms sticking in the

air,” said state Assemblyman Gary Pretlow.

In the meantime, New York is watching many of its residents commute to New Jersey to place bets on mobile apps or at the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, just outside New York City.

One sticking point in New York’s legislation has been how to regulate mobile gambling, including where gamblers would physically have to be in order to place legal mobile bets, Pretlow said.

New York’s next budget is due in April, and the Legislature is waiting to see whether Gov. Andrew Cuomo will include a sports betting proposal in his budget plan, Pretlow added.

Pac-12 Championship



Utah Utes (9-3, 6-3) **Washington Huskies (09-3, 7-2)**

Friday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m.

Levi’s Stadium (Santa Clara, Calif.) TV: FOX

Bryant suffered a significant injury to his left knee in late October 2017 in a game against UCLA. He sat out the rest of the regular season and returned for the Fiesta Bowl against Penn State but played only briefly. While he was limited at times, Bryant was cleared for offseason workouts and to participate in spring football, but he suffered a setback between the end of spring camp and early June. The setback required a more extensive surgery that at first made it sound like Bryant could end up missing all of 2018.

But Bryant was recovering at a pace that would allow

him to play this season and the target ended up becoming Washington’s game against Stanford. Of course, the Huskies would have loved to have the big tight end earlier — especially the previous week in a loss to California — but he was back on the field against the Cardinal in his first action in more than a calendar year.

It’s been a slow progression since. One catch against the Cardinal; two catches against Oregon State; and finally three catches — and two crucial game-changing plays — against Washington State. As Washington offensive coordinator Bush Hamdan noted, Bryant is fresh at a time of the year that most players are worn down.

“He runs routes like a receiver and blocks like a tight end,” Washington quarterback Jake Browning said. “Just depends on the play.”

Washington does face a conundrum with Bryant. If Bryant plays in both the Pac-12 title game and a bowl game as expected, he’ll play one too many games this season to be able to claim a redshirt.

Pennsylvania set its tax rate at 36 percent — four times the rate of neighboring New Jersey.

Also on Tuesday, sports book operators formed an association to patrol the industry and root out fraud. The Sports Wagering Integrity Monitoring Association is based in Atlantic City and headed by George Rover, the former deputy director of the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement.

It plans to partner with state and tribal gaming regulators, federal, state and tribal law enforcement to detect and report illegal and unethical activity. Officials from MGM Resorts and Caesars Entertainment will serve on its board.

Local slate

Wednesday, November 28	
Boys Basketball	
Baker at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.	
Heppner at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.	
White Swan (WA) at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.	
Girls Basketball	
White Swan (WA) at Umatilla, 6 p.m.	
Heppner at Riverside, 6 p.m.	
Pendleton at Baker, 7 p.m.	
Thursday, November 29	
Boys Basketball	
Stanfield at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.	
Girls Basketball	
Stanfield at Irrigon, 6 p.m.	
Boys Wrestling	
Hermiston at Southridge, 7 p.m.	
Friday, November 30	
Boys Basketball	
Culver at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.	
Helix, Irrigon at Lone Tournament, 4:30 p.m.	
Echo at Trinity Lutheran, 4:30 p.m.	
Pine Eagle at Lone, 7:30 p.m.	
Weston-McEwen at Regis, 7:30 p.m.	
Umatilla at Vernonia Tournament, 7:30 p.m.	
Lewiston at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.	
Pendleton at Wilsonville Tournament, 4 p.m.	
Girls Basketball	
Stanfield at Sherman County Tournament, 3 p.m.	
Helix at Irrigon, 3 p.m.	
Riverside at Faith Bible, 3 p.m.	
Lewiston at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.	
Pine Eagle at Lone, 6 p.m.	
Umatilla at Vernonia Tournament, 6 p.m.	
Heppner at Willamina, 6 p.m.	
Putnam at Pendleton, 7 p.m.	
Girls Wrestling	
Hermiston at Kennewick, 11 a.m.	
Saturday, December 1	
Boys Basketball	
Weston-McEwen at Oakland, 1 p.m.	
Taft at Riverside, 1:30 p.m.	
Perrydale at Echo, 2 p.m.	
Pine Eagle at Irrigon, 2:30 p.m.	
Helix at Lone, 5:30 p.m.	
Heppner at St. Paul, 5:30 p.m.	
Umatilla at Vernonia High School Tournament, 7 p.m.	
Stanfield at Sherman County Tournament, TBD	
Pendleton at Wilsonville Tournament, TBD	
Girls Basketball	
Heppner at St. Paul, 12:30	
Taft at Riverside, noon	
Helix at Lone, 4 p.m.	
Stanfield Sherman County Tournament, TBD	
South Albany at Pendleton, 2 p.m.	
Boys Wrestling	
Hermiston at Tyrone Woods Invite (Oregon City), 9 a.m.	

Football

NCAA Football Top 25	
No. 1 Alabama (12-0) beat Auburn, 52-21. Next: vs. No. 5 Georgia, Saturday.	
No. 2 Clemson (12-0) beat South Carolina, 56-25. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.	
No. 3 Notre Dame (12-0) beat USC, 24-17. No. 4 Michigan (11-1) lost to No. 10 Ohio State, 62-39.	
No. 5 Georgia (11-1) beat Georgia Tech, 45-21. Next: vs. No. 1 Alabama, Saturday.	
No. 6 Oklahoma (11-1) beat No. 12 West Virginia, 59-56. Next: vs. No. 11 Texas, Saturday.	
No. 7 Washington State (10-2) lost to No. 16 Washington, 28-15.	
No. 8 UCF (11-0) beat UCF, 38-10. Next: vs. Memphis, Saturday.	
No. 9 LSU lost to Texas A&M, 74-72. No. 10 Ohio State (11-1) beat Michigan, 62-39. Next: vs. No. 20 Northwestern, Saturday.	
No. 11 Texas (9-3) beat Kansas, 24-17. Next: vs. No. 6 Oklahoma, Saturday.	
No. 12 West Virginia (8-3) lost to No. 6 Oklahoma, 59-56.	
No. 13 Florida (9-3) beat Florida State, 41-14.	
No. 14 Utah State (10-2) lost to Boise State, 33-24.	
No. 15 Penn State (9-3) beat Maryland,	

38-3.	No. 16 Washington (9-3) beat No. 7 Washington State, 28-15. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.				
No. 17 Kentucky (9-3) beat Louisiana, 56-10.					
No. 18 Utah (9-3) beat BYU, 35-27. Next: vs. No. 16 Washington, Friday.					
No. 19 Syracuse (9-3) beat Boston, 42-21.					
No. 20 Northwestern (8-4) beat Illinois, 24-16. Next: vs. No. 10 Ohio State, Saturday.					
No. 21 Boise State (10-2) beat Utah state, 33-24. Next: at Fresno State, Saturday.					
No. 22 Mississippi State (8-4) beat Mississippi, 35-3.					
No. 23 Army (9-2) beat Colgate, 28-14. Next: vs. Navy, Saturday, Dec. 8.					
No. 24 Pittsburgh (7-5) lost to Miami, 24-3. Next: vs. No. 2 Clemson, Saturday.					
No. 25 Iowa State (7-4) beat KSU, 42-38. Next: vs. Drake, Saturday.					

National Football League AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
New England	5	6	0	.455	223 283
Miami	5	6	0	.455	223 283
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	161 272
N.Y. Jets	3	8	0	.273	221 281
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Houston	8	3	0	.727	273 222
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	253 273
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	195 223
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	197 243
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.682	316 249
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	271 198
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	276 347
Cleveland	4	6	1	.409	253 283
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Kansas City	9	2	0	.818	404 294
L.A. Chargers	8	3	0	.727	307 219
Denver	5	6	0	.455	252 252
Oakland	2	9	0	.182	187 327

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	224 213
Washington	6	5	0	.545	220 229
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	230 253
N.Y. Giants	3	8	0	.273	237 288
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
New Orleans	10	1	0	.909	409 256
Carolina	6	5	0	.545	287 282
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	280 307
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	294 338
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	317 211
Minnesota	6	4	1	.591	265 246
Green Bay	4	6	1	.409	264 267
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	238 286
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
L.A. Rams	10	1	0	.909	389 282
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	276 243
Arizona	2	9	0	.182	155 293
San Francisco	2	9	0	.182	239 293

Thursday's Games	
New Orleans at Dallas, 5:20 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
A.C. Rams at Detroit, 10 a.m.	
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.	
Arizona at Green Bay, 10 a.m.	
Denver at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.	
Baltimore at Atlanta, 10 a.m.	
Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.	
Cleveland at Houston, 10 a.m.	
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 10 a.m.	
Buffalo at Miami, 10 a.m.	
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 1:05 p.m.	
Kansas City at Seattle, 1:25 p.m.	
San Francisco at Oakland, 1:25 p.m.	
L.A. Chargers at Pittsburgh, 5:20 p.m.	
Monday, Dec. 3	
Washington at Philadelphia, 5:15 p.m.	

Basketball

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	18	4	.818	—	
Philadelphia	14	8	.636	4	
Boston	11	10	.524	6½	
Brooklyn	8	13	.381	9½	
New York	7	15	.318	11	
Southeast Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	10	10	.500	—	

Orlando	10	11	.476	½
Washington	8	12	.400	2
Miami	7	13	.350	3
Atlanta	5	16	.238	5½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	14	6	.700	—
Indiana	13	8	.619	1½
Detroit	11	7	.611	2
Chicago	5	16	.238	9½
Cleveland	4	15	.211	9½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	8	.600	—
San Antonio	10	10	.500	2
Utah	9	13	.409	2½
New Orleans	10	11	.476	2½
Houston	9	10	.474	2½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	14	7	.667	—
Oklahoma City	12	7	.632	1
Portland	12	8	.600	1½
Minnesota	10	11	.476	4
Utah	9	12	.429	5

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	15	7	.682	—
L.A. Clippers	13	6	.684	½
L.A. Lakers	11	9	.550	3
Sacramento	10	10	.500	4
Phoenix	4	16	.200	10

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 115, New York 108
Atlanta 115, Miami 113
Toronto 122, Memphis 114
Indiana 109, Phoenix 104
Denver 117, L.A. Lakers 85

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Utah at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Golden State at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Chicago at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 4 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Memphis at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 7:30 p.m.