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**Q. Jay, where were you when you heard and what was your initial reaction on Tuesday?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** I was in my office on a Microsoft Teams call, answered my phone and I guess my reaction was shock, I was shocked. I kind of had to sit down and ask the same question I had asked a second time because I wasn't sure I completely heard what I was being told.

**Q. Have you had a chance to talk by phone to Tiger?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** I have not, no.

**Q. Any member of his team?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** I have, yeah.

**Q. How soon were you able to get in touch with them? Was it with Mark?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** Yeah, it was with Mark and talked to a few other people. It was early on in the process when there was still a lot of unknowns. All I knew was that he had had a really bad car accident, which the time frame from that to when we started to understand that, number one, most important, he was going to be okay and it was nonlife-threatening, and two, he had serious injuries that needed to be attended to. That's where for me and I think for a lot of us there was a period where we didn't know, you're thinking a lot of different things and some of them are pretty scary to think about.

**Q. Tiger's had a lot of traumatic moments over the past dozen or so years. What do you think felt different about this one?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** All I can speak to is what we heard, what we experienced yesterday and to me, his life was in jeopardy and that's -- that was -- that was a -- like I said, I found that -- that was shocking. That was a hard. Never want to see anybody in that spot obviously. You know, to know that that had happened or to understand that that was something that we were dealing with is really difficult to comprehend.

**Q. Your relationship with him dates back to Deutsche. What has that relationship meant to you and what has he basically meant to this game?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** Well, he -- I would say it goes back to the Deutsche Bank Championship. I also worked at a technology company called EMC, we sponsored the World Cup. He and

David Duval participated in that in Argentina. So the way I look at it is never about me. I was like a lot of people out here, timing is everything in life and I wanted to pursue a career in sports. I went to graduate school in 1996, got out in '97 and started my career and ended up working, finding a way to work at a company that did a lot in golf. Once I saw the environment of the PGA TOUR and once I saw Tiger and all the great players in action, it led me to want to pursue a career here.

But I think that experience of building an event for his foundation with Tiger, with Greg McLaughlin, with Mark Steinberg, with the whole team there, I was the Bostonian, was an awesome experience. And it was awesome not just because of the event, but you start to -- you really understand that foundation and what Tiger puts into it personally both in terms of his time, his treasure, it's extraordinary. And sometimes it's hard to articulate how impactful someone's work is or how you see their work impacting young people. You just go to the Learning Center in Anaheim and it will blow your mind to think that he's accomplished everything he's accomplished in the field of play and then he's accomplishing everything like that in life.

**Q. Kind of a lot going on right now with this week and THE PLAYERS coming up, but were you able to focus on anything else yesterday afternoon?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** No, absolutely not. I was up all night last night and I couldn't -- I couldn't really focus on anything else.

**Q. Too soon to think what life without Tiger would be on the PGA TOUR?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** Well, I think that the only thing that really matters now is his well being, his recovery, his family, the level of support that we provide to him.

Listen, when Tiger wants to talk about golf, we'll talk about golf, but I think right now the entirety of our efforts needs to be around the support. When you're going to overcome what he needs to overcome, I think the love of all of our players and everybody out here, it's going to come forward in a big way and across the entire sporting world. I think he'll feel that energy and I think that's what we should all focus on. We'll all be talking about that at some point down the road, but right now that's not ...

**Q. Jay, when you heard, I assume you were probably up at 12:30 in the morning when this statement, you probably heard about it earlier, when there actually was finality and some conclusion to what Tiger was dealing with physically, what was your reaction to that?**

**JAY MONAHAN:** I said a couple prayers and I said that at the time I knew it was a different day and this day is all going to be about being thankful and grateful that Tiger's going to be okay. And you know what, that's a lot of progress in a short amount of time based on where we all were when we first heard it.