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Much has been made, both in opinion and speculation, of Tiger Woods' arrest for DUI early on Memorial Day, but piece by piece the facts of the case have surfaced. Woods was found asleep in his parked car (partially in the middle of the street, partially in the bike lane) in Jupiter, Florida. Woods was cooperative with police, but his reactions very slow, and he did not know where he was. There was 'fresh damage' to his 2015 Mercedes, with both driver's side tires flat (with damaged rims) and damaged bumpers.

These are the details of the entire police report, which was released Tuesday. Dash cam footage is expected to be released Wednesday. Until then, check out the full Tiger Woods Police Reports Redacted by Deadspin on Scribd

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But what's been less discussed is the role of the back surgery Woods recently underwent, called spinal fusion. Woods had the surgery in April “to alleviate ongoing pain” to his website. (This was his fourth back surgery.)

According to the police report, one prescription Woods has is the opioid pain reliever Vicodin, possibly related to the back surgery — though Woods's agent would not say according to the Washington Post.

But the incident points to a bigger problem with such surgeries: Spinal fusions are rising in prevalence even though they often don't work, leave patients in pain, and create dependence on pain relievers.

Here are six things to know about spinal fusions and prescription medication.

1. Spinal fusions are increasingly common

Hundreds of thousands of Americans undergo this popular procedure every year to relieve back pain. Many receive prescription opioids afterwards. From 1998 to 2008, the number of spinal fusion surgeries more than doubled, from 174,223 to 413,171, according to a paper published in the journal Spine.

2. Many people become dependent on pain relievers after back surgery

Doctors are worried about the rising rate of opioid prescriptions for surgery-related lower back pain. The surgery is intended to relieve pain, but it's also often associated with addiction. In a paper published this year in Spine, researchers found that about 20 percent of patients who underwent lumbar fusion surgery continued to take opioids two years

"There is widespread concern about long-term opioid dependence among patients who undergo spinal fusion surgery," researchers wrote. "Moreover, the efficacy of pain following spinal fusion surgery is widely debated."

3. The surgery is often done when it's not needed

There is a growing controversy about whether spinal fusions are necessary all of the time. Without knowing more about Woods's medical conditions, it's impossible to say surgery is in particular.

Scientific studies have found that spinal fusion might not work any better than other, non-surgical interventions.

And in 2013 the Washington Post reviewed patient records in Florida, identifying thousands of cases of spinal surgeries being conducted in cases that experts might c

4. As an alternative to surgery, opioids aren't much better

The American College of Physicians's guidelines on back pain, published in April, warned against using opioids to treat back pain — in part because there's little evic in part because of their dangerous side effects.

"Opioids should be the last treatment option considered and should be considered only in patients for whom other therapies have failed because they are associated v wrote, referring to patients with chronic low-back pain.

5. Doctors get paid big bucks to do these surgeries

The Washington Post noted that surgeons may be incentivized to perform costly fusion procedures when cheaper, simpler ones may suffice — because then the surg Spinal fusion can bring in \$6,000, while a cheaper "decompression" surgery might only net \$1,000.

6. But spinal fusion may not help people in the long run

If back surgery doesn't help you get back to living a normal life, then what's the point? A team of Ohio researchers tackled this question in a 2011 Spine paper in which were injured at work. The findings did not bode well for the surgery.

"This procedure is offered to improve pain and function, yet objective outcomes showed increased permanent disability, poor [return-to-work] status, and higher doses

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But then there was that photo, a police mugshot of one of the world's most famous athletes, looking disheveled and glazed over.

For a man whose personal life has become a series of humiliations in varying degrees over the past decade, the photo offers tangible representation of that stark decl news, of another public embarrassment.

There is no positive way to spin this story. No silver lining, no beneficial aftereffects that might spring from it.

Initial reactions to the news -- and perhaps just as important, the mugshot -- can range the gamut of emotions. Anger for putting himself and others in danger. Confusi wouldn't pay a few bucks to a car service in order to avoid this situation. Shock that a man who already has so dearly paid the price for past personal scandal would a affect him once again.

But the main takeaway here is sadness. Just pure sadness.

Tiger Woods was booked on charges of driving under the influence near his Florida home on Monday. *Christian Petersen/Getty Images*

Look at those sunken eyes in that mugshot, and we no longer see the mercurial golfer who once seemed so invincible inside the ropes. There often was debate durin intimidated his opponents. He wasn't just better than them, the argument stated, he also was tougher. It's difficult to beat a guy who holds not just a physical and tech a mental one, as well.

This, though, is Woods at his most vulnerable. It is an image he never wanted to portray to anyone, let alone the entire, gawking world. And it's a sad one, the very pc mistakes.

Even those who might have cheered against Woods when he was in his prime or wished for other golfers to knock him from the lofty perch in which he sat for so muc this emotion. It isn't so much empathy as it is sorrow.

Woods' previous major scandal was a barrage of infidelities that quickly morphed his name into a punchline for everyone, from late-night talk show hosts to any gagg admitted shame, and even if he didn't, it was written all over his scorecards. This was back in the late months of 2009. The player so accustomed to winning on a regu game upon returning to competition.

He might insist he never watches the news or reads the stories, but it would be almost impossible to ignore all of it, which makes this latest indiscretion so surprising.

Woods released a statement Monday night, saying he took responsibility for his actions and that alcohol wasn't involved.

"What happened was an unexpected reaction to prescribed medications," Woods said in the statement. "I didn't realize the mix of medications had affected me so strc "I would like to apologize with all my heart to my family, friends and the fans. I expect more from myself, too."

If the stories alone were the punchline back then, the mugshot photo will serve as the entire joke this time. But it's not funny. It's just sad.

Woods is a man so guarded that he named his yacht Privacy. Once again, he has suffered public embarrassment; once again, at his own culpability.

He once seemed like he had everything. A million-watt smile, a swing that would make Bobby Jones jealous and all the money he could ever need.

Now he has another humiliation that will haunt him, and a mugshot that will forever tell that story.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY, Fla. -- A new toxicology report shows golf great Tiger Woods had five different drugs in his system when he was found asleep at the wheel Florida roadway over Memorial Day weekend, reports CBS affiliate WPEC-TV.

The report released this week by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office says Woods had traces of the painkillers Vicodin and Dilaudid, mood drug Xanax, sleeping c ingredient in marijuana -- in his system.

The combination can reportedly cause unconsciousness, slowed breathing and confusion.

Woods, 41, was arrested at 2 a.m. May 29 about 15 miles from his home in Jupiter, Florida, when officers found him unconscious in his Mercedes-Benz, which was p road and had damage to the driver's side. It's not clear how he damaged the car. Officers checked the area but didn't find that he had hit anything.

Tiger Woods pictured in a mugshot May 29, 2017, after an arrest for DUI Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Woods didn't know where he was when asked by , and he stumbled and swayed through a field sobriety test, police dashboard camera video showed. Woods told off painkiller Vicodin and Xanax, which treats anxiety and insomnia, to cope with his fourth back surgery in April. No alcohol was found in his system.

A prosecutor said last week that Woods agreed to plead guilty to reckless driving and will enter a diversion program that will allow him to have his record wiped clean The sheriff's department released the report, first obtained by ESPN, on Monday because there is no longer an active criminal investigation.

Woods' attorney, Douglas Duncan, entered a not guilty plea to a DUI on Woods' behalf and declined comment as he left the courthouse Wednesday. Woods had bee arraignment on the charge, but the hearing was reportedly canceled shortly before it was to begin.

Under the plea deal, prosecutors would drop the DUI charge, which is a more severe charge than reckless driving. If he completes the program, he can ask a judge to conviction.

In the diversion program, Woods will spend a year on probation, pay a \$250 fine and court costs, attend DUI school and perform 50 hours of community service. He v workshop where victims of impaired drivers detail how their lives were damaged and face other conditions.

The DUI arrest was the first time Woods had been in trouble since Thanksgiving weekend 2009, when he plowed his SUV into a tree and a fire hydrant outside his th That led to revelations that he had multiple extramarital affairs and a divorce from his wife Elin Nordegren, the mother of his two children. He spent 45 days in a Missis for sex addiction.

Jail video: Confused Tiger Woods struggles to take Breathalyzer test 05:29

Woods announced last month he had completed treatment at an out-of-state clinic to deal with his use of prescription medications.

In a news release Monday night, Woods said: "As I previously said, I received professional help to manage my medications. Recently, I had been trying on my own to disorder, including insomnia, but I realize now it was a mistake to do this without medical assistance. I am continuing to work with my doctors, and they feel I've made grateful for the amazing support that I continue to receive and for the family and friends that are assisting me."

His 79 PGA Tour victories and 14 major titles both rank No. 2 all-time. He has not competed since February because of his back injury and is not expected to return to 2013.

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Woods was arrested on suspicion of DUI about 3 a.m. Monday in a suburban area and taken to the Palm Beach County jail, Jupiter Police spokeswoman Kristin Righetti said. The jail is located on Military Trail, south of Indian Creek Parkway.

Jail records show that 41-year-old golf great was booked into Palm Beach County jail at 7:18 a.m. and released on his own recognizance at 10:50 a.m. The jail released him in a white T-shirt.

Rightholder said she did not have additional details about the circumstances leading to Woods' arrest, nor did she have any information about whether the arrest involved a DUI report that may be available Tuesday.

His agent at Excel Sports, Mark Steinberg, did not immediately respond to a voicemail from The Associated Press. PGA Tour spokesman Ty Votaw said the tour would not have seen Woods at a golf tournament since he opened with a 77 at the Omega Dubai Desert Classic, withdrawing the next day because of back spasms. He missed the Genesis Open, run by his Tiger Woods Foundation, but did not come to the course because of his back.

He was at the Masters, but only to attend the dinner for past champions.

Woods, who had been No. 1 longer than any other golfer, has not been a factor since his last victory in August 2013 as he battled through back surgeries from a week-long operation to fuse disks in his lower back a month ago.

In an update Friday on his website, Woods said the fusion surgery provided instant relief and he hasn't "felt this good in years."

Timeline: A look at Tiger Woods' career

It was the first time Woods has run into trouble off the golf course since he plowed his SUV into a tree and a fire hydrant outside his Windermere, Florida, home in the fall of 2009, which led to revelations that he had multiple extramarital affairs.

A police report then showed that a Florida trooper who suspected Woods was driving under the influence sought a subpoena for the golfer's blood test results from the trooper, who rejected the petition for insufficient information.

A witness, who wasn't identified in the report, told the trooper he had been drinking alcohol earlier. The same witness also said Woods had been prescribed two drug painkillers, Vicodin. The report did not say who the witness was but added it was the same person who pulled Woods from the vehicle after the accident. Woods' wife hit the back windows of the Cadillac Escalade to help her husband out.

He eventually was cited for careless driving and fined \$164.

Woods and wife Elin Nordegren divorced in 2010. He later had a relationship with Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn from 2013 that lasted two years.

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At a press conference in downtown L.A., Sheriff Alex Villanueva said data from a recorder in the vehicle, the so-called black box, shows the famed professional golfer hit the tree. The speed, and Wood's failure to handle a curve, led to the crash, the sheriff said.

The powerful collision, at a bend on Hawthorne Boulevard near Blackhorse Road on the Palos Verdes Peninsula at around 7:15 a.m. Feb. 23, launched the car into the air. The SUV went spinning until coming to a rest several hundred feet away, sheriff's Capt. James Powers said.

"The impact of the vehicle when it hit the tree caused the vehicle to go airborne, and do a somewhat pirouette, landing on its side," Powers said.

The data recorder indicates Woods never hit his brakes as he drifted toward the median, but detectives believe he "inadvertently hit the accelerator" as he tried to brake. Woods was cooperative with investigators but told them he doesn't recall the collision, sheriff's officials said.

A seat-belted Woods was trapped inside until firefighters and paramedics pulled him out through the windshield.

Hawthorne Boulevard's downward stretch is known for bad accidents. Neighbors have described the sloping, curvy stretch of roadway as notorious for crashes, especially in winter. It is not uncommon for drivers to travel in excess of 80 mph there.

Woods was the only person in the vehicle. Villanueva said he was not cited for an infraction, nor was he charged with a crime.

The sheriff repeated on Wednesday that there was no sign the 45-year-old Woods was impaired. After he was rescued from the vehicle, Woods had help sitting up from his significant injuries, he was alert, Powers said.

Woods has famously been involved in at least two other incidents on the road involving apparent impairment, both times in Florida: In 2009 he was found unconscious after a crash; eight years later he was arrested and pleaded guilty to reckless driving after a toxicology report found multiple prescription drugs in his system. In the Rolling Hills Estates crash, no law enforcement officer witnessed what happened, so Woods could not be cited for speeding, the sheriff said. And without probable cause, the sheriff said, investigators could not seek a blood-alcohol test or try to obtain a search warrant for calls made or received on his cell phone.

"Past history does not get you the elements you need for probable cause," said Villanueva, adding Woods was treated the same as anyone else would have been. "I'll be giving Woods, who now lives in Florida, was in Los Angeles County for a two-day video shoot with Golf Digest and GOLFTV at Rolling Hills Country Club. He was giving on-golfing was headed from the Terranea Resort, in Rancho Palos Verdes, to Rolling Hills Country Club.

In the crash, Woods' SUV, a courtesy vehicle, plowed into a sign reading, "Welcome to Rolling Hills Estates." Villanueva has said the interior of the vehicle was "more or less destroyed. The air bags deployed.

Woods, a professional since 1996, has 82 PGA Tour wins, including 15 major championships. But back problems and other injuries have slowed down the Cypress native. Woods' TRG Foundation, formerly the Tiger Woods Foundation, began in 2006 as a learning center in Anaheim and has since expanded to a global reach, with STEM programs for children.

In a statement on Wednesday, Woods acknowledged the sheriff's investigation without addressing the cause of the collision. He thanked deputies and firefighters who helped him. "I will continue to focus on my recovery and family, and thank everyone for the overwhelming support and encouragement I've received throughout this very difficult time."

Woods suffered injuries to his lower right leg and ankle, requiring at least one lengthy surgery. It is unclear when, or if, he will return to the PGA Tour.

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Tiger Woods, once the fresh-faced future of golf, stared into the police camera with a forlorn look and hooded eyes. A 41-year-old man who has famously insisted on being identified in the arrest report with one word: black.

The former No. 1 golfer in the world was sleeping at the wheel of his Mercedes-Benz early Monday when Jupiter, Florida, police said they spotted his car stopped in traffic with the engine running. He was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and is scheduled for a court appearance on July 5. Woods, who is recovering from a DUI incident, saying in a statement that it resulted from "an unexpected reaction to prescribed medications."

Golfer Tiger Woods after his arrest on suspicion of driving under the influence (DUI) May 29, 2017, in Jupiter, Florida.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office via Getty Images

The arrest marked another twist in Woods' quest to return to the PGA Tour after a nearly two-year layoff. His attempted comeback has stoked widespread fascination with the athlete battling age and injury in an attempt to regain his championship form. But as big a part of the attraction is Woods' standing as a racial trailblazer. He is a person who holds the record for most consecutive weeks, 281, atop the world golf rankings. He won 79 PGA titles and 14 majors, putting him second all-time on each list.

All of this looms large because of the sport's racist history. Not only did professional golf's most prestigious tournament, the Masters, bar black players until 1975, but Georgia, had no black members until 1990. Woods won the Masters for the first time in 1997 at age 21, making him the youngest player to win there. He has gone on to win more times.

In the minds of many African-Americans, those achievements made Woods the Jackie Robinson of golf. The analogy would fit nicely if only Woods saw himself as black. He has long chosen to embrace his full multiracial identity. Rather than black, he sees himself as "Cablinasian" — a mix of Caucasian, black, (American) Indian and Asian. Nobody can argue with his precision. His mother, Kultida, is of Thai, Chinese and Dutch descent. His late father, Earl, said he was African-American, Chinese and Native American (and some say his father's Chinese heritage is subject to dispute), Woods is more Asian than he is black. In any event, he has explained that to call himself African-American is writing his own mother out of his racial identity.

Woods' decision to embrace his full multiracial identity was respected by many African-Americans as his right. But others who celebrated his many breakthroughs and achievements treated it as a rejection — not to mention a sign of naiveté, cowardice or even betrayal.

There were jokes that Woods would know he was black if he tried to catch a cab at night. Even Colin Powell, the first black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, when asked about it, saying, "In America, which I love from the depths of my heart and soul, when you look like me, you are still considered black."

The criticism only intensified when Woods got caught up in the sex scandal that presaged his golfing decline and ended his marriage. Like his ex-wife, each of Woods' recent girlfriends' fallout weakened Woods' already shaky standing among many African-Americans.

Years later, the debate about racial identity ignited by Woods continues to resonate. Angela Yee, co-host of the Breakfast Club, a nationally syndicated radio show, whose mother is black and from Montserrat, a small island in the eastern Caribbean. Her father is Chinese.

Growing up in black neighborhoods in Brooklyn, New York, and South Orange, New Jersey, she had nearly all black friends and schoolmates. She listened to black rap music. Culturally black. Yet, she also celebrated Chinese New Year and embraced both her Asian and black heritage. So she understands Woods' choice, although she is disappointed. "As a person who is mixed-race myself, I do identify as both black and Asian," Yee said. "But to be as good as he has been in the world of golf, and with black people who have been great to have Tiger say, 'I'm black and I'm proud.'"

Yee explains that when she is asked to check a racial box, she chooses African-American. At the same time, she acknowledges that racial identity can be a tricky thing. "When you have her last name, she said, "they assume I am straight-up Asian." At times, that has led to unfair assumptions. Earlier in her career, a blogger who had only heard her on the radio was taking over our culture."

Racial identity has long been both subjective and mutable. Barack Obama is biracial, and was raised by his white mother and white grandparents. But he will go down in history as president in no small part because he identifies as black, married a black woman and raised two black daughters.

Paris Jackson, the blond, blue-eyed daughter of the late Michael Jackson, recently told *Rolling Stone* that she thinks of herself as black, even if a casual passer-by might think otherwise. New York Yankees legend Derek Jeter is the son of an African-American father and Irish-American mother. As a child growing up in Kalamazoo, Michigan, he "sometimed" when he was out with just one of his parents, he told his biographer Ian O'Connor. Coming up, he claimed both sides of his heritage. He would tell people he was Irish. Once he became a baseball superstar, he was romantically linked to a series of beautiful women, many of whom were white.

But Jeter's mixed-race background did not prevent him from receiving a threatening letter in the clubhouse from someone who promised to shoot him or set him on fire. The missive was investigated by the FBI and the New York City Police Department's hate crimes unit. Jeter publicly shrugged the threat off as "just a stupid I-hate-Hannah-Davis, who happens to be white."

In America, the idea of black identity being linked to even "one drop" of black blood is inextricably tied to the nation's racist history. Beginning in 1850, mulatto was the term used for mixed-race African-Americans. By 1890, the census became more exacting, defining mulattoes as people with "three-eighths to five-eighths" black blood. A quadroon had one-quarter black blood, and an octoroon had one-eighth or less black blood.

But even people with just a drop of black blood might as well have been all black as far as the law was concerned. In its 1896 decision *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a French-speaking and white-looking Homer Plessy could not ride in a whites-only rail car in Louisiana because he was an octoroon. The ruling cemented separate-but-equal more than half a century.

The one-drop rule stood as the nation's racial standard until the middle of the 20th century, meaning that if someone was a mixture of white and any other race he could be considered black. In 1930, for instance, census takers were told that a person who was both black and white should be categorized as black, "no matter how small the percentage of Negro blood." Those strictures have slowly given way, and in recent years an increasing number of Americans are embracing their full identities. The 2010 census had 63 possible racial categories and 57 for combined races. In 2010, 2.9 percent of Americans, a total of 9 million people, chose more than one racial category to describe their racial identity, a trend that has continued.

Even as Woods has refused to embrace his blackness without simultaneously acknowledging the rest of his racial identity, he has always been aware of golf's shame and the need for someone who would help usher the game into a new era.

Woods was a 14-year-old prodigy when an interviewer asked him about his goals as a golfer. Woods answered that he wanted to be a superstar. "Since I'm black, I'm Nicklaus," he said. "I might be even bigger than him, to the blacks. I might be sort of like a Michael Jordan in basketball."

Asked whether there was a tournament that he wanted to win once he turned professional, Woods did not hesitate. "The Masters," he said.

Why?

"The way blacks have been treated there. [Like] they shouldn't be there," he said. "If I win that tournament, it will be really big for us."

Seven years later, Woods won the Masters by a record 12-stroke margin. His victory rocked the golfing world, and not everyone knew how to handle it.

As Woods was cruising to victory, tour veteran Fuzzy Zoeller was asked about the young pro's performance.

"He's doing quite well, pretty impressive. That little boy is driving well and he's putting well. He's doing everything it takes to win," Zoeller said of Woods. "So, you know in here? You pat him on the back and say congratulations and enjoy it and tell him not to serve fried chicken next year. Got it. Or collard greens or whatever the hell it is." Zoeller called the remark "a joke gone awry," and Woods was forgiving. He was similarly forgiving in 2008 when broadcaster Kelly Tilghman said golfers challenging the Mercedes-Benz Championship should "lynch him in a back alley" to win. Through his agent, Woods said, "We know unequivocally that there was no ill intent in her comment." Woods has said he also faced racial hostility back when he started school in Orange County, California. On his first day of kindergarten, he said, a group of sixth-graders painted the N-word on him and then threw rocks at him. He said his teacher "didn't do much of anything" about the assault. The former teacher has dismissed the story in several interviews, saying it never happened.

Through the years, Woods has paid tribute to the black pros who paved the way before him: Lee Elder, Teddy Rhodes, Bill Spiller, Calvin Peete, and most of all, the late African-American to play on the PGA Tour. Woods would refer to Sifford as his grandfather and went on to name his son, Charlie Axel, after the golfing pioneer.

Meanwhile, the 20-year-old Tiger Woods Foundation has spent tens of millions of dollars (more than \$7 million in 2015 alone) on after-school centers and scholarship programs. Woods' substantial philanthropy and respect for golf's racial history has not been enough to draw other young black golfers onto the professional circuit. Is it because African-American?

The National Golf Foundation estimated that 1.4 million African-Americans were recreational golfers in 2009, the latest year for which statistics are available. Yet, there are no African-American players on the PGA Tour: Harold Varner III. And there is also only one Cablinasian: Tiger Woods.

Tiger Woods at the Masters (2013): A bad break led to a bad drop, 2 stroke penalty

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Tiger Woods was atop the golf world going into the 2013 Masters.

He had won six tournaments in the previous 12 months. Had regained the No. 1 spot in the official world rankings by winning three of his first five PGA Tour starts this year. National off two impressive wins in the WGC-Cadillac Championship and the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

He was healthy, happy and sound. A fifth green jacket was well within reach, a 15th major triumph and first since 2008 was at hand.

"I feel comfortable with every aspect of my game," he told the media. "I feel that I've improved and I've gotten more consistent, and I think the wins show that. That's this year, and hopefully I can continue it this week and the rest of the year."

2013 Masters: Final leaderboard

"It was nice to get back to No. 1. There are a lot of players who try to get there and have never been able to do it, and I've been able to get there a few times through injuries that I've come through and to get through all that and to win enough golf tournaments and to win consistently enough to get to that point, is something I'm very proud of. And it was right there for the taking for Woods before a flagstick got in the way at 6:32 p.m. (ET) Friday in the second round.

After opening with a 70, Woods had moved to 5 under through 14 holes and was tied for the lead. After a drive into the trees on the par-5 15th, he laid up to 87 yards. The ball clanked off the flagstick and rolled backward into the pond fronting the green.

Woods collected himself, took his drop and hit his fifth to four feet and made the putt for bogey. When nightfall arrived, Woods was three back of the lead. shot But his bad break had led to a bad drop. Throughout the night and into the next morning, Masters officials had determined Woods took an incorrect drop. Woods had from which he played his third shot. As he told ESPN's Tom Rinaldi on Friday, he dropped about two yards behind the original location. That's a penalty. Saturday morning accepted the ruling, which now dropped him five shots out of the lead.

But he was allowed to keep playing. In the past, Woods would have been disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard. The USGA and R&A changed the rule in 2013. strokes added to his score if he unknowingly signed an incorrect scorecard.

"I wasn't even really thinking," Woods said about taking his drop. "I was still a little ticked at what happened, and I was just trying to figure, OK, I need to take some yardage off of it, and evidently, it was pretty obvious, I didn't drop in the right spot."

Woods got within four of the lead with a third-round 70. But he didn't apply pressure in the early going on Sunday, failing to birdie the second and missing from short range and seven dropped him seven shots behind the leaders. He got within three with birdies at nine, 10, 13 and 15 but parred in.

A closing 70 left him four back of a playoff between Adam Scott and Angel Cabrera. Scott won with a birdie on the second playoff hole to become the first Australian to win the Masters. Adam Scott celebrates after making a birdie putt on the second playoff hole to win the 2013 Masters. Photo by USA TODAY Sports

"I played well," Woods said. "I certainly missed my share of putts today, actually this week. I also made a bunch too. So it's one of those things where this golf course had four different green speeds out there and I couldn't believe how slow they were the first two days, yesterday I couldn't believe how fast they were, and then today again.

"I certainly had a chance. If I would have posted a number today, I was right there."

This is the 19th story in a series looking at each of Tiger Woods' appearances at the Masters. Catch up on the series here .

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