

Tiger Woods is back on the green

by Anastasia Ioannou

After a recent knee injury, Tiger Woods is back on the green. In just a couple of months Woods is going to be playing in the U.S. Open Championship. That will be one of the first championships since his knee injury. The tournament will take place from June 18 to 21, in Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale, New York.

"I look up to Tiger Woods because I've been into golf since I was about 8. He is a great role model and I wish I could be as good as him one day." 19 year old Maria Zoulis said.

"Woods had been having sporadic pain in his left knee from arthroscopic surgery in April of 2008. Though he continued to play, the pain was becoming more common and more excruciating.

After a tedious 18-hole playoff against Torrey Pines, Woods announced he would miss the rest of the season because his left knee requires more reconstructive surgery. He also revealed he suffered a double stress fracture in his left tibia two weeks before the U.S. Open tournament, ignoring doctors' advice to take six weeks

off to let it heal.

"It's good that he took a break to spend time with his family and to let his leg heal. I think that now that he's coming back, he will be just as or even more popular than he already was." Brianne O'Rourke said about Woods.

Woods and his wife Elin also announced that they would be expecting their second child. Woods stated in a recent interview, that even though it was frustrating and disappointing, it was actually perfect timing for his knee to give. He said that he would be able to spend more time with his daughter Sam and his wife. Then on February 8th 2009, the Wood's family welcomed their second child Charlie Axel.

"Golf is one of those sports that you don't hear about very often. I think that it's neat to learn more about Tiger Woods, and why he left and how he coming back." Said Diana Diez

Soon after the birth of their son, Woods returned to the green, on February 25, in the Accenture Match Play Championship in Tucson, Arizona. Woods played against golfer Tim Clark. He lost 4 to 2 in his first tournament since his injury.



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People are going crazy for March Madness

by Sarah Bianchi

U.N.C was on top of their game and fans were at the edge of their seat's for this year's March madness tournament.

March madness was developed by the National Association of Basketball coaches in 1939. It consists of 65 college basketball teams that compete for the prize at the end which is the honor and trophies for being the top team. The game goes on from the first week of March through the first week in April, hence the name "March" madness. (Says Wikipedia information)

The first game is the opening round also known as the play-in game. It is played on the Tuesday of the first week of the tournament. The #64 and #65 teams play each other. One team is eliminated so that they could have a 64 team bracket. The winner advances to the main draw and gets to play the top team in regionals.

"I don't know much about basketball but it sounds like there is a lot that goes into this tournament," says Sharon Kahn, sophomore.

The first and second rounds of the competition are played in the first week on either a Thursday and Saturday or a Friday and Sunday. Then comes the semi finals. And finally is the final four. This is when the national semifinals are played and then the national championships which are played on Monday. The first tournament is hosted on TNN AND ESPN and all the other tourna-

ments are hosted on CBS. People wait every year for the incredible underdog stories to arise and shock the minds of all.

"When I was in college I went to a division one school my freshman year. They were very involved in this event," says Ms. Sackstein, journalism teacher. Her favorite team is Duke. She says that she used to watch all of the games but now she mostly watches the games getting closer to the end because they are the most exciting.

The winning team gets to cut down the net at the end regional and national championships. Each player on the team gets to cut a single strand off the net. The winners of the regional championships receive a bronze plated NCAA regional trophy. The champions of the national championships receive a gold plated wooded NCAA trophy and each player also gets a commemorative champion ring. The losing team at nationals gets a silver plate. At the end of the game one player from either team is selected and awarded as the most

outstanding player.

Vinny Gatto, WJPS sophomore, who watches all the March madness games, says that this is a crazy time in the college atmosphere. "My favorite team

at second with seven wins and Indiana University is at third with five. (Says Wikipedia information)

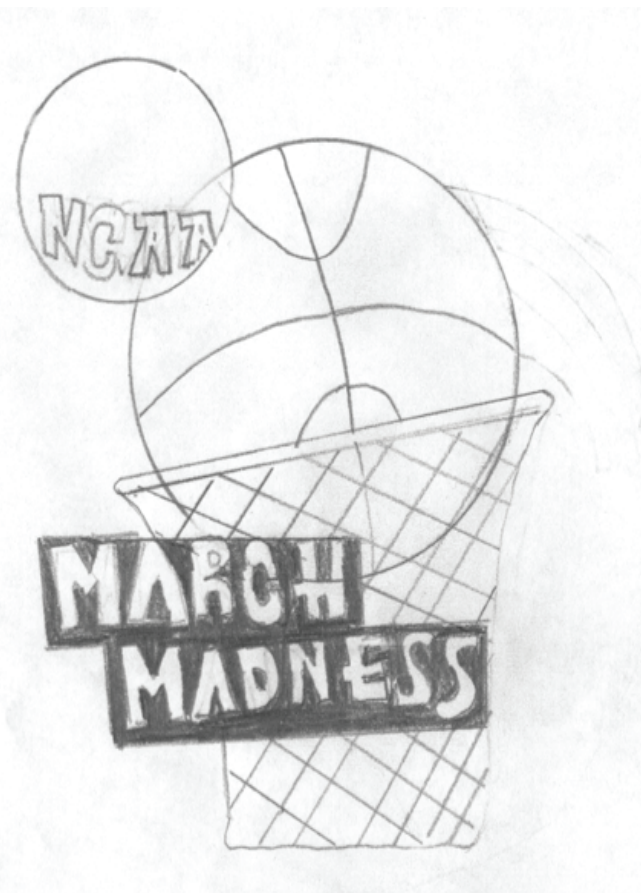
The final four for this tournament consisted of North Carolina, Michigan

State, Connecticut and Villanova. President Obama had predicted that Louisville, North Carolina, Pittsburg and Memphis would be in the final four (said the NCAA website). He got one out of the four right.

On April 6, 2009, University of North Carolina won the championship which was played in Detroit. They versed Michigan State and won with a score of 89 to 72. U.N.C was on top the whole way through and they

made it to the very end standing strong.

On April 7, the Women's championship was played. Connecticut versed Louisville and Connecticut took home the win.



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is Louisville," says

Vinny disappointed;

"but they already got knocked out."

UCLA currently hold the record for the most NCAA Men's division one basketball championships of eleven wins. University of Kentucky is placed