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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

Tiger Woods wins his first professional title in Las Vegas

By Lee Brown
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Thanks to Tiger Woods, the city of Las Vegas became a part of sports history last weekend.

Living up to huge expectations, Woods, the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour's 20-year-old phenom came out victorious at the 14th annual Las Vegas Invitational (LVI) Tournament, winning his first Tour event since turning professional just over a month ago.

Putting inconsistently and playing with a strained groin muscle throughout most of the tournament, which was held at three sites — the Las Vegas Hilton Country Club, Desert Inn Golf Club and Tournament Players Club (TPC) at Summerlin — Woods played like a

seasoned veteran in the final two rounds, Sunday's final round specifically, to edge out veteran pro Davis Love III in a one-hole playoff.

The crowd favorite, Woods, playing

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Tiger Woods

in only his fifth professional tournament since becoming the first player in golf history to win three consecutive amateur titles, crushed his opponents and amazed the enormous gallery following him, estimated at nearly 25,000, with

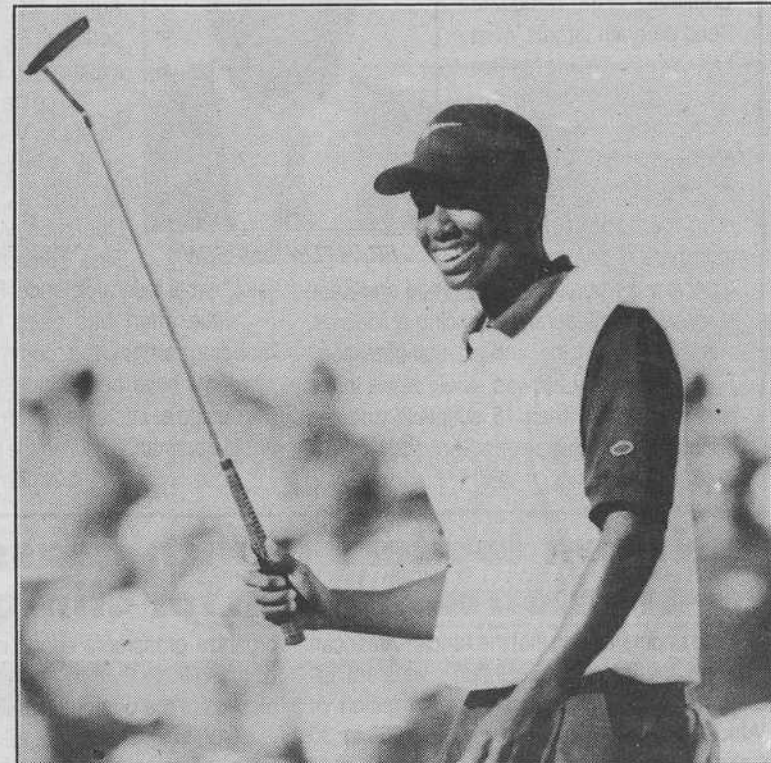
long drives off the tee and accurate second and third shots to the green.

"It's just like winning the Amateur," said a jubilant Woods after the win. "I just know it's been an unbelievable experience, especially starting off with a 70 the first round."

The win not only netted Woods \$297,000 in winnings, but also guarantees he will be able to play in all tour events next year. Woods has already earned \$437,194 in just five pro tournaments and has moved into 40th place on this year's money list.

Going into the LVI, the would-be Stanford junior had already earned over \$140,000 in his first four pro starts and was 128th on the money list. In his four starts he finished 60th; 11th; tied for

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Tiger Woods displays a smile of satisfaction Sunday after making a putt on the 18th hole at the Tournament Players Club at Summerlin that put him in a playoff position for the championship. Photo provided by LV News Bureau

Leadership summit release 5-year black agenda

By Nichole Davis
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Almost a year to the day of the historic Million Man March on Washington where more than 1 million black men gathered to protest problems they faced in America, local community activists released a targeted political agenda.

"The National Agenda: 1996 Public Policy Issues & Action for 1996-2001" was the by-product of this summer's National Leadership Conference. The concept was first discussed by march organizer Min. Louis Farrakhan during the planning stages of the October 1995 event.

The purpose of the 56-page "working" document was to crystallize

the concerns of blacks along with ways to combat them for politicians.

It's not immediately clear who authored most of the agenda, although Farrakhan and former NAACP national president Benjamin Chavis Jr. are often cited.

In any event, none of the three major parties - Democratic, Republican or Reform - chose to address the issues during this campaign cycle, said Min. Duke Muhammad, a local organization committee member. And their platforms are weak, he added.

Clinton's "educational platform doesn't address the needs of black people," Muhammad said. "We need an Afrocentric curriculum in the inner cities that encourages and motivates youth."

Many blacks are scared to vote for Dole, he said, and Perot is just deflecting attention from the other two.

Rather than choosing the lesser of two evils, participants decided to urge blacks not to vote for either of the two bigger parties, organizers said.

The Million Man March "was more economic than political, it's time to put the two together," Muhammad said.

An Oct. 7 discussion at the Community College of Southern Nevada was the appointed site. The agenda and the recent National Political Conference were brought out during a scheduled three-hour town hall meeting.

More than 60 people attended the
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Minister Duke Muhammad, center, explains the format to agenda members Ernest Fountain, second from the left and Ken Evans far right, who spoke at the Community College of Southern Nevada during a Monday town hall meeting.

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King center robbed and vandalized

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The Martin Luther King Jr. Center located at 1316 Morgan St. was robbed on Sunday afternoon. Members arrived at the center for their weekly meeting around 2:30 pm and were surprised when several computers were missing. Lawrence Weekly, president of the MLK committee, noticed a stranger entering through the centers back door.

He and other members ran toward the suspect and chased him east on Washington until the suspect jumped into a white car with Nevada license plate 441GXR and raced away.

The suspect is described as being at least 6 feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds. The man is believed to be 20 to 23 years old.

Belinda Thompson, operations manager for the center is very saddened about the incident. "They took everything...all of the tutorial snacks, cleaning supplies, equipment and even the clothes that we were collecting for the homeless project on November 2. Indignant doesn't even describe this

incident. To rob from our children is worse than indignant...these persons stole from our future and they don't even know it."

Several persons have called the center to offer assistance. Mike Roberts of Goodwill Industries is replacing the clothing for the students, as well as the clothes collected for the homeless project.

Thompson seems optimistic about the crime committed, "even though this happened I realize that the world is still a good place." She further spoke of the generosity of a woman who came by the center on Tuesday with her last \$10 and wanted to help.

Items that were reported stolen in the weekend heist consisted of, 8 computers, as well as a fax machine, videocassette recorder, typewriter, television, toys for the upcoming holiday season and materials needed for the tutorial program.

The center is asking anyone with information regarding this crime should contact Secret Witness at 385-5555.