

TRASH TALK: POSSESSION IS 9/10THS OF THE LAW

I am hijacking this weekend's Trash Talk, taking adverse possession. I don't give a fig right now about football – feel free to tell me what I'm missing though it doesn't look like I'm missing much while the Redskins tear a new one into the Packers in the first quarter.

But Tiger Woods.

Jeez oh Pete, he was hot yesterday. HOT. He made an insane number of birdies in his first nine holes yesterday. He finished the third round of the PGA Tour Championship with a 65 – 12 under – three strokes better than second place Justin Rose with Rory McIlroy following. It was like watching early Tiger all over again, nailing exactly the shot he needed when he needed it.

I get heat from friends about watching Tiger. They can't understand why I'm not hot for the rest of the new crop of golfers. Take a look at the field, I tell them. Take a look at the gallery. When Tiger began winning on tour years back I had big hopes for golf, that it wouldn't continue to be a sport dominated by white men for a predominantly white male audience. After his marriage cratered and his sex addiction became public, along with increasing back problems, it looked like golf would sink back into a symbolism of everything wrong with capitalism.

But Tiger this year is a revelation. His is a comeback story when we need a comeback. I hope his improved performance after back surgeries is a sign of things to come and not a last hurrah.

And I hope he can once again be a symbol of what golf should be – not a flash in the pan but a life of striving for something more and better.

Yeah, all your favorites and heroes are

problematic. This includes Tiger. But he doesn't need to save the world. He doesn't need to save golf. He just needs to show that a man can straighten himself out and do better than he's done in the past, and in doing so be a role model for others. I'm not alone hoping Tiger wins today.

Live coverage on CBS at this link. As I post this Tiger is wrapping up the second hole, having made his first birdie of the day on his first hole.

Bring it – what game are you watching? Treat this as the usual open Trash Talk thread.