

Here is an article about a well-known sports figure. Read the article. Then do Numbers 1 through 12.

Tiger Woods was born on December 30, 1975, in Orange County, California. Tiger's real name is Eldrick. The nickname Tiger was given to him by his father, Earl. Tiger is the same nickname of Earl's South Vietnamese combat buddy, Nguyen Phong. Nguyen Phong saved Earl's life more than once when they served together during the Vietnam conflict.

When Tiger was a baby, he watched his father hit golf balls in the backyard. In fact, Tiger took his first steps with a golf club by his side. His parents never pushed him to play golf. Tiger simply felt that he was destined to play the game.

And play the game he did. Tiger was just a little boy when he started playing golf with those much older than he. At the age of three, he scored a 48 after playing nine holes of golf on a U.S. Navy golf course. A score of 48 is one many adult players would be satisfied to achieve.

Tiger's father instructed his son on the rules of golf. His mother, Tida, taught him how to stay calm on the golf course. Tiger's parents kept him on track and made sure he never forgot what was important. They helped him grow up believing that the most important thing for any person was a solid education. During his childhood years, Tiger put his studies first, before golf.

When the time came for Tiger to attend college, he chose Stanford University, in California. Tiger knew that the university wasn't known for its exceptional golf team, but it was known for its outstanding academic program. Tiger entered the university in 1994 and spent two years there studying economics. In 1995, he was named Stanford's Male Freshman of the Year for all sports.

Tiger competed at the amateur level until he was 20. As an amateur, he accomplished many goals, one of which was being named Golf World Magazine's Player of the Year at the age of 16.

Tiger became a professional golfer at age 20. His first professional win was the 1996 Las Vegas Invitational, which earned him \$297,000! Still, Tiger had a bigger dream, one that was within his grasp. In 1997, he competed in the prestigious golf tournament called the Masters. Tiger not only became the youngest player to win the Masters, but he also won the acclaim and respect of his peers.

