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Tiger Woods has converted 52 of 56 third-round leads/co-leads to victory on TOUR, including 21 of his last 22 (2009 PGA Champ). He has converted his last five third-round leads: 2009 BMW Championship, 2012 Arnold Palmer Invitational, 2013 Farmers Insurance Open, 2013 WGC-Cadillac Championship and 2013 Arnold Palmer Invitational. His largest 54-hole lead lost was two strokes to Y.E. Yang (2009 PGA Champ.). "I was trying to birdie every hole, I was trying to be aggressive, and he can force you into that," remarked Justin Rose, who finished second by two shots. "He plays every shot like he plays them on Sunday. His intensity is the same on Thursday as it is on Sunday, and that makes Sunday a lot less different for him," he continued. "He plays in that kind of atmosphere far more regularly than a lot of guys do, and it's adjustment for most of us. It's a known for him. Obviously, he's been doing it for 15 years now, so he certainly has a lot of skills and a lot of experience under his belt." Woods made three eagles for the week, taking his total for the year to six. He made just four in all of 2012.

Woods has now won the Arnold Palmer Invitational eight times out of 17 attempts in his career. He is tied with Sam Snead/Greater Greensboro Open for winning a PGA TOUR event for the greatest number of times. Snead won the Greensboro event in 1938, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1955, 1956, 1960 and 1965. Slammin' Sammy needed 2,181 total strokes in his eight victories in Greensboro. He was 85 under par collectively and his total margin of victory was 29 strokes in non-playoff events. He won two of the eight through a playoff. He won a total of \$24,900 for his eight wins and his stroke average was 68.16.

Perhaps by coincidence, Tiger at the Arnold Palmer Invitational also played a total of 2,182 strokes for his eight wins. However, it was good enough to be 106 shots under par! His total margin of victory was 29 strokes. He won all eight without having to go extra holes. His total earnings for the eight wins are \$8,136,000!!!! His stroke average over this period is slightly higher than Snead's at 68.19.

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