

**SBS Championship
The Plantation Course at Kapalua
Kapalua, Maui, HI**

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INTERVIEW OF STEWAR CINK

MARK WILLIAMS: Welcome Stewart Cink. Thanks for joining us at the SBS Championship. This is your fifth trip here, but first time two years in a row. It's nice to come back after being Open champion last year. Let's talk about what you are looking for.

STEWART CINK: Well, the same as always, being here it's a great place to be but it's always a good sense accomplishment knowing that you have earned your way here through victory. It just feels great to start the year here. You get to play at this place. I love to play The Plantation Course here. It's a fun place to play. It's different from any course of the year. It's just a head start from the rest of the guys who aren't here.

MARK WILLIAMS: Questions?

Q. What is a special feature of this course?

STEWART CINK: A special feature? It's hard to say just one, but I think when you think The Plantation Course you think of playing in a tournament like SBS here. You think of the wind, and you think of the greens. There is lots of weird breaks. The wind plays with the ball on the greens, so it's challenging on the greens, putting. If the wind dies down, the scores can be really low. If the wind blows hard generally birdies are harder to come by.

Q. Tiger Woods announced an indefinite break, how much does Tiger's absence impact the whole PGA TOUR?

STEWART CINK: It certainly doesn't help the PGA TOUR. He is our biggest star. For him to be out -- he was just out 2008 for quite a while. So it's just up for the rest of us to make a better showing out of it without Tiger.

Q. Stewart, this week 3 of the Top-10's, 7 of the Top-20 are here, but all four Major winners are here. Does that add a little bit of intrigue especially with the Major's calendar this year, and the sponsors, all four of you guys being here to open the season?

STEWART CINK: I don't know how much it has to do with where the Majors are located this year. But definitely to have the four Major winners in any tournament of the year is a real bonus for that tournament and for The TOUR. And then narrow it down to around 30 players, and you got four of those guys that are Major winners from the year before is even more bonus. I know for me it wasn't even a question. I wouldn't consider missing this tournament.

Q. Stewart, this is the first time you are going into a PGA TOUR season as a Major winner, how much does that change things for you in terms of goals for the year, the way you feel, each tournament you will be teeing up at?

STEWART CINK: Actually, the win last year in the British Open really doesn't affect what I've done this year for preparing. I will continue to do, getting my goals, as far as my goals. I really plan my goals about what I did poorly last year, not what I did great. So winning was a huge, is a huge moment for my career. But what I will use to try to move forward 2010 and improve, and maybe get back into the Majors again, I think I need to look at the week areas of my game last year. The week areas weren't around at Turnberry. I wish they weren't around any other time of the year, but unfortunately they were. I need to address those. That's what I'm focusing on, trying to shore up the weaker parts of my game and hopefully I will have more experience.

Q. In the two or three months after Turnberry did you feel like a better player?

STEWART CINK: I did, I did. I just felt like the memories from performing on that stage with the pressure and everything that accompanies that, I just felt like the success I had in that situation was so fresh, and I felt like I could do it any time. I played well the next tournament I played in, but I didn't really continue. I got a little scattered brained towards the end of the year with the FedExCup, and I lost a little bit of the focus I guess. That's one of the weak points I was talking about trying to address.

Q. You felt like you were a better, were you a better player?

STEWART CINK: No, I don't think so. I think I was the same guy. I think I was the same guy. A glimpse of what I could be showed up at Turnberry. That's what I am trying to build towards.

Q. Stewart, the forecast for wind this week is all pretty minor, all single digits from what I have seen. If that's the case, can we have a shootout here?

STEWART CINK: There will be a shootout. If the wind doesn't blow too hard -- it's been Kona winds since I got here. The forecast I saw had it switching back to the trades on Thursday, so all of the guys that have never played here before will see a new golf course Thursday. Everybody is good at adjustment. If the wind doesn't blow too hard, if it blows out of trade direction, it can be a low scoring event. That's fun. The golf course gives up birdies if the conditions are right. It's great. We will start the year with a big shootout and somebody might shoot 30-under.

Q. People talk about when you won the first Major, the demands and everything on your time, the forces coming your way, et cetera, what did you experience?

STEWART CINK: At the tournaments I experienced quite a bit more need for organization we'll say. Especially the PGA last year. I made some mistakes there by just doing too much. By the end of the week, I was completely worn out and it showed up in my 81 on Sunday. I learned a good lesson there.

I learned I just have to be a little more organized and out in front of things and try to get my early in the week schedule nailed down ahead of time, so there is no surprises and I can plan.

Tiger has always been the best at, I won't say his conversation of energy, but he manages his energy level through the week where it peaks at the end. I need to learn a little bit of those skills. It was a little bit more demanding but I'm addressing it.

Q. Did you find yourself getting testy at all at times?

STEWART CINK: A little bit. Not in here, not on the golf course. Some. No more than usual. It shows up more in areas where it has nothing to do with golf. If something isn't going right at home. Then my fuse is a little shorter. It just affects everything, and I just need to be ready for more of that.

I don't like saying no when you guys ask me for interviews and stuff. I don't ever say no. I try not to. I'm not going to say no. It sort of encapsulate things better in my schedule, so I'm not worn out.

MARK WILLIAMS: Do you get help to learn that?

STEWART CINK: Well, I learned a lot. Actually after The Open, the PGA TOUR media staff helped me quite a bit with organizing my media obligations into two really heavy days. So really my life didn't change much. Anna was really helpful with that. When I started playing tournaments again, I found I was on my own a little more. I got a little bit over my head at the PGA.

Q. At this very second, where is the jug?

STEWART CINK: It's at TPC Sugarloaf. It's been on display there since Thanksgiving. I had four golf clubs in Atlanta, the TPC is automatic, but other 3 have given me honorary memberships, so at some point between last year and next year, all four will have a

chance to display the jug for a while. Eastlake has already had it.

Q. Who are the other 2?

STEWART CINK: The River Club which is by my house. Another course by my house called Berkleigh (phn) Hills.

Q. Stewart, a couple of years ago when I was over at Match Play events you came up with the phrase if you open up Tiger you find wires?

STEWART CINK: I think it was nuts and bolts.

Q. Given what he has been through the last few months, when he returns to the game, the fact that he has had these human frailties exposed, do you think he might connect more with the galleries?

STEWART CINK: I don't know. I never thought of that. I guess it's certainly a possibility that maybe when I say that about nuts and bolts, maybe that was something that a lot of people were thinking. And now, maybe a lot of people think that if you open up, you see a beating human heart. We all have our short comings, and we are all sinners.

So I guess that's one reason John Daly has been so popular with the people. They identify with him and his trials and tribulations. I think everyone identifies with him. Maybe you are right.

Q. Stewart, what are you plans for the Orange Bowl this afternoon?

STEWART CINK: Zach asked me to come watch the game with him and his crowd. I'm not sure I will take him up. I might call him politely and decline. I'm going to watch the game. That's why we are in here at 1230 today. I have done all of the golf I'm doing. I'm watching the game.

Q. Are you going to watch with Matt Kuchar?

STEWART CINK: I don't know, he has his family here. I am by myself until tomorrow. My wife is coming tomorrow. I'm going to watch with my trainer for sure. I think we are going to hang out in the public area of the Ritz and watch the game there and enjoy some of the crowd.

Q. Does Drake have a division one team?

STEWART CINK: I don't know. If Tech loses he has no right to bully me too much because he didn't graduate from Iowa. I graduated from Georgia Tech.

Q. You graduated?

STEWART CINK: I graduated.

MARK WILLIAMS: Thanks, Stewart.

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