

CHRYSLER CHAMPIONSHIP
Westin Innisbrook
Copperhead Course
Palm Harbor, Fla

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Pre-tournament-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH VIJAY SINGH

(An interview by tape.)

Q. We have Vijay Singh, defending champion, joins us now.

The last two years you have certainly played this Copperhead course fairly well. In fact, birdied 16 of the 18 holes. There is only two holes you haven't birdied, I guess you will try to do that now.

Is your game right now as good as it was a year ago, Vijay.

VIJAY SINGH: I think so. I don't know if I was sharp enough as I was last year but certainly hitting the ball as good. Scoring is another thing to talk about. Sometimes you play well and not score. I think that was my problem most of the year this year, but I think I'm getting it sorted out and looking forward to this week.

Q. Isn't it an intriguing part of the game of golf that some days you can play really well, hit the ball really well, not score. Other days you score well without hitting it well?

VIJAY SINGH: It's all down to the putting after whatever you do. No matter how close you hit it, you got to make the putts. That's what my weakest was this year.

Q. Year in, year out, players or amateurs get the privilege of playing with you in a Pro-Am, brag about how much fun you make it for them. Can you tell our listeners one or two things that you try to do to your Pro-Am partners to make them feel so good?

VIJAY SINGH: I don't know. I don't do anything different. I just play golf with them. I take them as teammates and play a nice round of golf with them. That's what we need to do. We don't have to try any harder or any less. Play our game and make sure they enjoy themselves as well.

Q. One last thing, how is the course? Is it in good shape?

VIJAY SINGH: Great shape. The rough is long. You got to hit the ball straight off the tees here. The greens are playing really good. They're stopping very well. So that could get the scoring down a little bit. If the wind keeps up, it's going to be a tough week.

Q. Vijay Singh our defending champion. Thank you very much.
