

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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VIJAY SINGH (-22)

LAURA VESCOVI: I know you've spoken with a lot of people about your emotions on the win today, but talk first about your round and really how on fire your putting was.

VIJAY SINGH: Yeah, I thought I had no chance of winning. With the way the scoring's been all week, everybody was, you know, par is like 4 under. There's so many low scoring. So I just made up my mind, go out there and be aggressive. If I can get to 20, I was going to be really happy. Then the putter just caught fire and I started making a lot of putts. I made one adjustment last night on my putting and it just seemed to work. I felt very comfortable on the greens. I just kept rolling it in.

LAURA VESCOVI: Open to questions.

Q. I have so many questions, but should I bring --

LAURA VESCOVI: Competition based for now, please.

Q. Competition based, yeah. Is this one of the lowest scores that you've ever done? I mean, it's 61, I'm just amazed.

VIJAY SINGH: It's the lowest one on the last day, yeah. It was well timed. You don't really think about a score when you go out there, but when it happens, you just go with the flow. You don't let anything interrupt. I told my caddie, just let me go, let me play and keep giving me the numbers, and that's what he did.

Q. I noticed that you and Bernhard were talking after the round. What was it that he said to you?

VIJAY SINGH: Oh, he just congratulated me and thanked me for winning. (Laughs.) He's just been tough all year and I just said, you know, great playing and he deserved it. He was supposed to win last year as well and unfortunately he didn't, but this year he really played well and it was good that the Tour made some changes on the points, that way he was able to win.

I was disappointed not to win, but if anyone, Bernhard played well all year. He's been solid and he's a great player.

Q. Do you like that it's more body of work based than necessarily, you know, what you do on the last tournament?

VIJAY SINGH: I think so. I think it's pretty similar to what the FedEx is like. He still has to play well, he had to play well, he had to finish well. Anybody in the top-5 wins was going to win the cup, so unfortunately for McCarron, he didn't, so Bernhard deserved it.

Q. What were your thoughts on just playing here and being in Phoenix and the Phoenix Country Club and just this whole experience this week?

VIJAY SINGH: Well, it's an old-fashioned golf course. When we started at the beginning of the week, it was a little bit more softer, the fairways were, so it was tough. You had to hit a little bit more longer shots in. As the week progressed, it kind of dried out. But it's a great -- it's a lot of history here. If you go around the clubhouse, you see all the photos of all the great champions. Lanny Wadkins and myself, we were talking about how many times he came close to winning over here and he lost.

But no, great venue. You know, wish it was a little bit longer, there's too many short irons, but that's the way it is. I'm sure they're going to make it a little tougher next year. They said they may grow a little bit more rough and they're going to penalize when you miss the fairway, so I think that will be a great thing.

Q. In three of your last seven rounds here, you shot 61, 63 and 64. What about this course suits your game so well?

VIJAY SINGH: I think it's short. You know, it favors the long hitter if you hit it straight. There's a lot of trees, you've got to -- you've got to keep it between the trees and I did that really well. And you've got to putt well. If you're hitting so many greens, you've got to putt well and I did that well.

Q. So you're obviously known as a very hard worker. What do you think it's going to take to hold the other trophy maybe next year?

VIJAY SINGH: Well, that's -- you know, you've got to play well this week, one, and you just have to be very consistent throughout the year. I was very disappointed -- although I won three times, I was very disappointed with my play the last four, five weeks. Going in, I thought I was going to have a good chance of winning, you know, every week, but you've got to play well.

The guys over here are tough. They are great players and they're fighters. Seems like they get better as they get older. They putt better when they get older. A lot of guys out there, they make a lot of putts and they did not do that on the regular tour, so I think the pressure's off because you play three rounds with no cut, so they just freewheel it.

You know, I just have to play better, continue winning, I guess. You've got to win. I know the golf courses a little better now. I played a lot more this year, so I'm going to pick and choose the golf courses that I like. I probably have to be more focused to play here instead of jumping around.

Q. I have one more question. Your putting was just so fantastic. Have you been doing extra special work on putting or is it something that, you know, paid off all of a sudden here?

VIJAY SINGH: I made a slight adjustment yesterday. I started to, you know, bend more over the ball. I did that last year, you know, after a tip from Graham Marsh and I putted great that week and won with Carlos. It was the Legends. And yesterday I was putting on the putting green and I told my caddie, maybe I should just crouch down a little bit more like I did at the Legends last year. He said, why don't you, and the feeling was good. You know, I didn't know how I was going to putt. I kept trying it this morning and it felt okay. Then I made one on 1 and made another one on 2 and made another one on 4 and they just kept going, you know? It kind of worked. So I don't think how long I'm going to try that for, maybe something else is going to cross my mind next week.

LAURA VESCOVI: Well, thank you.

VIJAY SINGH: Thanks again.