

**VIJAY SINGH**

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**Q. How's your game?**

**VIJAY SINGH:** Game's okay. The game's been pretty good. Obviously I've been fighting this cold for the last two weeks, but weather makes it a little different here. I'm feeling good, my game's good. I haven't played this golf course in a while, so played nine holes the other day. I can't remember much. Play the back nine today and see what the hell's going on, get ready for the tournament.

**Q. When was the last time you played a tournament here?**

**VIJAY SINGH:** I can't remember.

**Q. I know you finished tied for second here in 1994.**

**VIJAY SINGH:** That's a long time ago. I don't know when was the last time I played here. I can't remember I played every year they played here. I played it a couple of three times. Yeah, I like these conditions. It's warm and the golf course is not very long. I think it's a very tricky golf course from what I remember, so you've got to kind of use your head a little bit.

**Q. I've asked a lot of the players this question: Is it harder to win on the Champions Tour than people think?**

**VIJAY SINGH:** I think so. I mean, I haven't won yet, so I feel like every time I tee up I should win, you know? But then when you go out there, you put so much pressure on yourself because you look up at the scoreboard, everybody's 5, 6, 7 under and you say what the hell's going on, you know? It shouldn't be that easy, but that's what they've been doing here.

Another thing is people know the golf courses very well, too. A lot of guys have been playing here for so long, they keep coming back to the same courses, so they're familiar. For me, it's the first time I've played here in forever so it's going to be new. I have to learn the golf courses a little better, I think.

**Q. You're still playing a lot on the PGA TOUR. Are you changing your schedule at all?**

**VIJAY SINGH:** Yeah, I'm going to play a lot more here. I'm playing this week, next week, playing Biloxi. I'm 55 years old, I'm not young anymore. I feel young. Walk down the range

on the PGA TOUR, you see the young kids, just kind of wonder what the hell you're doing over there. They're hitting it a million miles and have no fear. But it's a challenge, it's a challenge to come out here and play, too. You've got to perform well. I think that's the pressure that the newcomers are feeling when they come on this tour, they expect to win, and yet the guys are no mugs out here, they can play. They're all winners from the previous tours, so they know how to play.

**Q. So you're obviously renowned for your work ethic. Is it possible to sustain that at this time in your life when maybe you've got some other interests?**

**VIJAY SINGH:** I've cut down a lot. As you get older you learn your swing a lot more, too. I've learned my swing and I know my swing. I don't really have to come out here and work hours and hours and just try to figure it out, you know? If there's something I'm working on, then I'll work until I get it. But I practice more on the PGA TOUR, by the way. When I go out there, for some reason everybody practices, you feel like you have to be there, too. I don't think I can sustain it any longer than a couple hours now. It used to be all day. Even when I'm at home, I go to the golf course probably four hours max that I spend and that includes chipping, putting, all that. I used to go there in the morning and don't come back until it's evening, but that's the way it was. And I don't play, I don't go on the golf course and play, I just hit balls and try to learn how to play the game.

**Q. You were No. 1 in the world for 32 weeks in 2004 and 2005 and you're also the oldest golfer to hold that distinction. When you hear about that, what are you most proud of?**

**VIJAY SINGH:** Keep telling where is that guy, you know? Where's he gone? I feel like I can still hit it and the swing's better than what it was then. It's just different. Obviously I don't even want to go back and look at the tapes because I get so frustrated with my swing, it's so much better now than it was then. But I guess when you're young, you fear less, you just go out and play and that's what the guys are doing now on the regular tour. It's good times. I'd like to get that back. I feel like I can do something like that on this tour, but if I stay here and play, I will do that. If I keep jumping back and forth, I'm kind of -- messes up my rhythm, messes up my confidence when you go out there and make the cut and finish 50th and don't play that badly. But we'll see, see what happens.

**Q. Last question for you. At that time Tiger was obviously at the height of his powers. It's not like you're going head to head with him, but in a sense you're going head to head with him because he is in a lot of these tournaments. Did it take particular mental fortitude to win during that time when it seemed maybe a lot of people were intimidated by Tiger?**

**VIJAY SINGH:** Yeah, there was a lot of intimidation going on when you play against guys like that. But when you're playing well -- I was playing well. I played well for a long time, I played well from 2000 to 2008. So when you're playing well, you don't really fear anything. It's all depending on how you play. Every time I played against him, and if I was playing

well, I knew I could beat him. If I wasn't playing well, then you know you're going to lose. You cannot play bringing your B game and win against Tiger Woods while he's playing well. But when you're playing well, it's a good feeling. You go out there and play and you know you can compete, you know you can beat whoever you're playing with.