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## Q. You're the defending champion. What are your memories from Exmoor and that win and it being your first major championship, what did that mean to you out here on the Senior Tour?

**VIJAY SINGH:** It's totally a different golf course. I'm very familiar with this one. I think everybody played Exmoor for the first time. My expectation was just to play. It was just like another golf tournament. Then once I got into contention I felt the vibes flowing again. It's always nice to win a tournament, especially if it's a major, although it's this tour and a major is a little different than the main tour, but a major's a major and a win's a win.

Coming back here, I'm very familiar with the golf course, played it, you know, a lot of times, probably more than anybody in the field. So I'm feeling good about the place, but I'm not 100 percent good about my game. I had a few injuries a couple months ago and it kind of lingered on for so long. I have a really bad ankle, so I have to change my golf swing a little bit to accommodate for that. And I'm trying, I'm trying my hardest. Hopefully I can pull it off. We'll see.

## Q. And I remember last year you were very excited that you got your exemption into THE PLAYERS. Is that a motivation this year?

**VIJAY SINGH:** Yes and no. I mean, although it's always nice to play THE PLAYERS, it's home course for me, but I like to contend, I don't like to just make up numbers. That's pretty much why I didn't play the PGA this year on the main tour, because I was hurt and I didn't feel like I could really contend. You know, if my body feels good and my game is good, I can contend. We'll see what happens this week. But if I win, it will be a motivation to, you know, get myself right for the TPC.

Q. So you feel like you have a little bit of a leg up; like you just said, you've played it probably the most of anybody in the field. You and David Frost are the only people who have won. So when you remember back t 2008, what was it that got you that win?

**VIJAY SINGH:** I don't know. It was a different mode, a different time. Obviously I was a lot stronger, fitter and younger. I don't think I'm hitting it that much shorter when I see the golf course. I think the technology has improved so much where the shots that I played then with the second shots, I'll probably play the same ones here. Driving the ball is obviously the key to this golf course. If you drive the ball good, you're going to play well, and that's what I did very well when I won, especially on this golf course.

Q. And last question, do you have any fond memories or memories that stand out of Akron from those days, restaurants or funny stories or anything like that?

**VIJAY SINGH:** I remember I stayed at -- what's the -- Broadmoor? Broadmoor Golf Club, and I practiced there quite a bit. I met a young kid there that became a good friend of mine. I don't know where he is, but he was always there. We called him Two Glove, he always practiced with two gloves. Hopefully, he'll show up. He's not a kid anymore.