



*Corey Pavin*

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**Question: Corey, you said this is your ninth or whatever one coming here. What do you like coming back to Calgary for?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

I like the golf course a lot, and the people here are fantastic. You can really tell when a community is behind a tournament. You know, obviously Shaw used to, you know, be the sponsor. And they wanted to make sure that it was all about, you know, the community, and they did a great job. And, you know, Rogers has carried that over. But you can really tell. You know, you go to some tournaments and, you know, maybe it's a little more corporate feeling than this tournament.

So it's nice when the people come out, you know, there's a lot of fans that come out and watch. You know, most of us stay in the city, and people are just -- you walk around, and people, you know, say something to you, you know, "Good luck." And, you know, you just have a good feeling about this event. And obviously the money raised for charity and helping a lot of the kids and stuff is fantastic.

**Question: Happy Gilmore, how did you secure your role in Happy Gilmore?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

I had to pay a lot of money to get into it. Yeah. No, you know, I met Adam a long time ago. And, you know, we keep in touch a little bit; and, you know, a good friend of ours works for Netflix. And he kind of ran the show and made sure that I was involved in it as well. And, they're fun -- fun stuff to do. It's really an enjoyable thing to do. And it's not as -- it's a little tedious, you know, actually doing the filming; but that's just part of the deal. And, just hanging around -- I did it for one day. Just hanging around everybody and just talking and getting some pictures and stuff. It's pretty fun.

**Question: How cool was it to be in that role you had the golf Hall of Famers and yourself and whatever. Just a lot of really big names kind of thing.**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Yeah, it's fun. It's a little awkward just because we don't do that kind of thing very often. So you have to kind of try to become an actor, which is difficult. But they do so many takes, you can't screw it up. So, eventually you kind of relax and you just say your lines and do it.

**Question: How did you meet Adam?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

We met a long time ago at the Sony open in Hawaii. We played in a Pro-Am out there. And he was just like you'd expect him to be, you know -- flip-flop, sports shorts, and a T-shirt. And he just went around and played. And, Adam's Adam. Obviously he's acting; but it doesn't seem like a big stretch for him in his movies. But he's a great actor, really great guy, really fun to be around. Makes you feel comfortable.

**Question: You've got a couple of these -- these roles under your -- under your belt now with the -- with the golf movies. Does it get fun -- I mean, do you feel like you're a burgeoning actor or anything like that?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

No, I don't feel that way at all. You know, like I said, it's kind of hard to do. It's just different. You know, obviously if you do it a lot, you get used to it. But, it's just a fun thing to do. And then I get to talk to people like you and talk about it. I get a lot of text messages and, "Hey, I just saw you on Happy Gilmore 2, it was really cool to see you." So it's just a fun thing. It's a nice perk.

**Question: You don't agonize over your lines like Kramer did in Seinfeld, you know, these pretzels are making me -- you had a couple lines, right?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

I hope there's not too many bloopers that they put out there. But it's -- it's fun to watch all the bloopers from all the shows and stuff that they have. But, no, I didn't even know my line until the night before. They didn't really tell us. And it wasn't that hard to spit it out. But you just try to be as natural as you can, which is tricky.

**Question: Can you -- can you spit it out for us now? Can you remember it?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Well, I did a few variations of what they wanted me to do. And they finally said, "Look. You know, just say the line that we gave you." And so -- yeah, in the movie I think it was, you know, like -- you know, hey, Happy, these -- these kids are 20, 30 years old, you know, and -- you know, sore all the time, you know, take aspirin or whatever, something like that. I don't remember. I had quite a few variations of it. But it was a fun thing to do.

**Question: Is there a natural among you guys out there?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

I don't think so, actually. It's -- like I said, it's hard thing to do because they just say "action." You're trying to remember your line. "Don't screw up your line. Don't mess it up." And they come to you, and you're, like, thinking so much that it's kind of hard to spit out sometimes. So it takes practice, just like anything. Just you doing interviews and talking, it takes a while to get -- get used to it and have you do it right.

**Question: Doing Tin Cup and Happy Gilmore 1, Happy Gilmore -- how much does this help the game?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

I think it helps the game a lot. You know, it gets golf out there. I mean, I don't even know what the numbers are on Happy Gilmore 2, but I think they're pretty darn good. So, you know, people get golf in their mind and, you know, maybe they'll turn the TV on when they wouldn't before, or they get the bug to go out and play, you know, if they haven't played for a little while. And it's got to be a positive thing for golf.

**Question: Sorry. Did you get to meet Travis Kelce at all?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Yeah. Yeah. I met Travis and Bad Bunny and didn't know who Bad Bunny was until I got there, but my wife and daughter told me who he was. So I went up and talked to him for a little bit and got some photos with everybody and -- you know, Bad Bunny was fantastic, and Travis was really nice. You know, good people. You know, everybody was just happy to be there doing it. So everybody's in a good mood anyway.

**Question: And I guess John Daly, his parts were different, but he had quite a significant role?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

He did have a big role in the movie, yeah. I didn't know about it at all until I saw the movie. And he wasn't on set when we were there; but, you know, there was a lot of the guys that were, you know, for that dinner. So it was fun. It was just fun to hang around with everybody and shoot the stuff when we weren't filming, which was a lot of time; there's a lot of downtime doing it.

**Question: You're a celebrity in your own right.**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

(laughing) That was a funny one. That's good.

**Question: Not in your own mind, but you are; you're a celebrity, right?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

I can't help what other people think. (laughter)

**Question: But -- I mean, you -- you've now been in movies with and been around Adam Sandler and Kevin Costner, Don Johnson. I mean --**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

And Cheech.

**Question: And Cheech.**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Yeah. Don't forget Cheech.

**Question: Don't forget Cheech.**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Yeah.

**Question: And is -- does it -- do you get kind of awestruck a little bit by it?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Probably a long, long time ago I did. You know, on the movie set it's a little different because that's their territory. So it's a little different there. But, gosh, I went to UCLA, and we hung around at Bel-Air Country Club. And there was a lot of famous people that hang around Bel-Air. So when I was in college I

met a lot of people that were pretty famous. So it's -- and, you know, being out here on tour, you know, you play a lot of Pro-Ams, you play with a lot of very well-known people, a lot of celebrities. So it's never normal, but you kind of get used to it a little bit. So I wouldn't say I was in awe, but it's -- it's fun to be in their terrain and their territory and doing things and watching them do what they're really good at.

**Question: So who would be those celebrities that you met at Bel-Air?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Oh, gosh. How much time do we have? (laughter) You know, there's a few announcers -- you know, Al Michaels is a member up there; Vin Scully was. You know, when I first went there the first time I played there, Ray Bolger went through us, which was, you know, the scarecrow, if you don't know. And, I mean, there's countless -- countless celebrities out there.

**Question: (Unintelligible) kids asking to do the Happy Gilmore swing. Have you tried the Happy Gilmore swing?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

No, I'm too old to try that. (laughter)

**Question: Not going to happen, huh?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Yeah, Hunter Mahan was his double. I don't know if you guys know that. But -- so he obviously practiced it a lot. I'm afraid to. I might -- I might break something.

**Question: So two-part question here. Who -- who on the tour might be Happy Gilmore and who on the tour might be Shooter McGavin, if you had to kind of put that out there?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Oh, gosh. I don't know about that. You know, I guess probably Happy Gilmore, I guess person -- John Daly, who was in the movie, would be the first person I would think of. You know, guys just -- just hit it hard and long and just rip it. So, you know, it was a good casting to have John do that. Gosh, I don't know about the other one. Shooter McGavin. Come on, Al, help me out here. (Laughter) I don't think I should -- I don't think I should answer that. (Laughter)

**Question: You got a third movie in you?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

Well, I'm just waiting for, you know, them to call me up. I'll be there in a second. It's fun to do. But, you know -- you know, my parts in both movies, if you blinked, you missed him. So -- but it's fun to be in a movie. It's nice to -- to say it, that I've been in two movies now. So I'm a bona fide movie star.

**Question: Do you expect some reaction from the crowd? Maybe they'll yell some Happy Gilmore lines at you while you're playing?**

**Corey Pavin Answer:**

I have no idea. You know, this is the first tournament I've played in since it came out; so I doubt that will happen. They probably -- most of the people didn't even know I was in it because they missed it.

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