



**Pre-Tournament Transcript
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STEWART CINK –

Q: All right, we've got Stuart Cink here joining us at James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational. Stewart, this is your first time at James Hardie. So just taking a look at it, with all of the football players out here – What's it been like so far?

CINK: It's been really good. I mean, I was out here Tuesday, and as a strange sort of circumstance, I took yesterday off and I went to visit my parents because my dad's had a fall. So dealing with that for the last day and a half, I haven't really got to experience the NFL guys much yet, but we're back out here today for the Pro Am, and the tournament starts tomorrow. I saw I'm paired with Emmet Smith, at least for the first round, which is awesome. We'll have a good time. And of course, my buddy Zach is in my group. You know his debut. So great course, really nice facility here, and I'm looking forward to being here for the first time.

Q: Speaking of Zach. So Zach yesterday he was talking about how you were giving him advice before coming out here. Just talking to him as your friend, what advice did you give him?

CINK: Well, I mean, he just asked the same things I asked when I turned 50. You know, when you change venues, change tours, there's just questions. I mean, things are mostly the same as the PGA Tour, but there's just a couple of different things that I thought Zach would want to be aware of for instance – like jump into cart on Tuesday for your practice round and for your Pro-Ams. And, you know, things just go a lot faster. And Zach's, like all of us, he's got some wear and tear on his body over the years, and so the cart just gives you a little bit of a restful pre-tournament prep schedule and stuff like that. You know, I can't really give Zach that much advice on how to play the courses. I don't even know what tournaments he's going to play, but I'm just excited to have him out here. One of the things I love about the PGA TOUR Champions is it's my friends and my guys I've had relationships with for years and years. And every time a new guy like Zach or Ben Crane this week, Ryan armor is in the field, those guys are my friends. And so when they turn 50 and come out here, it just gives us some more even more social construct out here.

Q: I'm sure they're excited to see you out here this week too. And then also this week, you're seeking your third-consecutive win, which would make you the 10th player in PGA TOUR

Champions history to accomplish that. So going into it, are you looking at your friends a little bit more competitively this weekend, once we get the competition going?

CINK: Yeah, for sure, the PGA Tour Championships is a weird kind of an animal in sports, because the rookies are really the top players. You know, you kind of start at 50 and you just kind of decline. It's just the way it is. And physiological, we do everything we can to stop it, but it's a fact. So naturally, when the youngest players come out here, they possess the sharpest, you know, physiological, physiological ability. So Zach, you know, has been playing really good golf for his whole career, all the way up through 50. So yeah, for sure. But as far as the three in a row, it feels weird because the first one was in November of 25 the second one was six or seven weeks ago, and I haven't really done a lot since then, so it doesn't feel like I'm on this big roll. I feel like I'm trying to figure out which end of the club to hold on to.

Q: Well, that's all the questions we have, thank you Stewart!