



**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: COREY PAVIN**  
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**MODERATOR:** Okay. We welcome Corey Pavin into the interview room this afternoon. Corey, a long time since you've been here at En-Joie Golf Course; three appearances in the old B.C. Open and last in '98. Just some thoughts about coming back here and playing in your first Dick's Sporting Goods Open. Just tell us about it.

**COREY PAVIN:** Well, it's nice to come back here. I think the reason I wasn't here before on the regular Tour is it was really close to the Open Championship, the British Open, so I didn't get here too often. But I like the golf course. It's a cool course, a course I like. Last couple years I've had scheduling conflicts, I haven't been able to be here, so I'm glad to be here this year.

I've heard the course is in beautiful condition after all the rain and floods and all that. It was nice to be able to move the tournament back a couple months to get the course ready. So I'm looking forward to getting out there tomorrow in the pro-am and taking a look at the golf course again.

**MODERATOR:** We've had a week off or so, but you stayed after the Senior British and went to the Olympics. Maybe a comment about what that experience was like and how your game is coming into this week.

**COREY PAVIN:** Well, the Olympics was great. I was out there, Dow asked me to come out there and hang out with them, so I was with Dow for four, five days. And Lisa and Alexis, my four-year-old daughter, we were there for about four or five days before that, so we saw a lot of events. We saw a lot of different things from women's gymnastics final to swimming, basketball, volleyball, beach and regular, and saw some athletics. It was really a great experience. London did a fantastic job with the games. It was easy to get around. We took the Tube and went to a lot of venues that way. It was a wonderful experience. It's always great to see all the countries having athletes represent themselves, but having represented the United States in Ryder Cups and Presidents Cups and certainly as captain of the Ryder Cup team, it has -- it's pretty special to see that. We were at a few ceremonies where they were giving out gold medals to the U.S. and

just talking about it, I get goosebumps, so that was really special to see that; an experience I haven't really had before per se. I think I was at a couple events in Los Angeles in '84, but I would recommend highly to anybody who wants to go to the Olympics.

As far as my game goes, I'm not really sure how to answer that one because I've been off for three weeks. Practiced a little bit over the weekend back in New York City when I was there, just drove up today and hit a few balls but it feels pretty good. I've been playing well all year and looking forward to a good week this week.

**MODERATOR:** Questions? Just please raise your hand and Joe will give you the mic.

**Q. You mentioned the Ryder Cup. There's obviously some attention starting to build up for this year. When you look back on your captainship, is there a part of you that is happy with the fact that you're able to concentrate on your golf game now, or just your thoughts on that.**

**COREY PAVIN:** Yeah, when I was captain I knew what it involved and I knew when I would have to take time off and that was just the way it was, so I didn't really look at it as a positive or negative one way or the other. So I'm sure Davis has a lot of things on his mind now. He's got eight guys on the team and he's got four picks coming up I think September 4th, I believe. So he's got time to think about it and figure it out, and he's named a couple more assistant captains. I think he's got three of them on the Champions Tour this year as assistant captain. So it will be an interesting few weeks for him certainly. I'm sure he'll -- I read the transcript of his press conference the other day. I think he's just going to wait and watch and see what happens. There's nothing he can do for a few more weeks anyway.

**Q. But as it relates to you, I know you enjoyed the experience of being a captain, but now is there a part that is kind of happy with the fact that you can just concentrate on playing?**

**COREY PAVIN:** You know, again, I don't really think about it that way. I'm just out playing and I will be at the Ryder Cup itself, so I'll be there during the week but obviously not involved like I was a couple years ago. It is nice to play. I mean, did I miss playing two years ago when I was, you know, busy? Yeah, I always want to play. But those were my duties and I accepted them and I knew the responsibilities. So I was very pleased to do my duties as captain and prepare as best I could. That's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do that and I enjoyed every minute of it. Did I answer your question that time?

**Q. Yes.**

**COREY PAVIN:** I'm good at not answering questions sometimes.

**Q. Corey, coming off a couple weeks where you didn't play. What are your expectations coming into this week knowing that you had a little bit of time off?**

**COREY PAVIN:** Well, I feel very fresh. We had actually quite a stretch of events. I don't even know how many weeks I played out of how many weeks, but I didn't play 3-M. You know, it was good for me to take a break because I felt like I played a lot of golf leading up to and including the Senior Open Championship. So I feel very refreshed and ready to go. Like I said, my practice sessions have been good. I'm eager to get back out there in a tournament and play and I hope to play real well this week. I want to contend to try to win.

**Q. Just one more question for you. With golf coming to the Olympics and your recent Olympic experience, is it something that you wish you may have been able to participate in and how do you think it will differ from a typical Ryder Cup situation where you're playing for your country?**

**COREY PAVIN:** To answer your question, I do wish I had the opportunity to play in the Olympics. I think whoever is going to be on the Olympic team for the United States as well as every other country is going to have a tremendous experience, and maybe the best experience is going to be walking into the stadium for opening or even closing ceremonies. I don't know what the format's going to be for the Olympics yet. I think they're talking about a 72-hole stroke play. But it will be a very different feel from probably anything anybody's played in really. It's not a Ryder Cup, it's not a Presidents Cup, it's not a major championship, but it is once every four years, if it continues. But just the fact that it happens once only every four years is going to be a big deal. There's not going to be many golfers who can say they win a gold medal at the Olympics and whoever wins is going to be very pleased and very proud of the fact for all of the guys who finish second or third win a medal.

**Q. What is it about En-Joie that will set up well for your game and what are some aspects that maybe not so?**

**COREY PAVIN:** Well, from what I remember of the course, it's a course where you have to hit the ball pretty straight off the tee and it's really important to be in the fairways. It has some tight holes and trees here and there. I don't remember the greens being particularly large. I don't think they're real small, but you have to be pretty accurate with iron shots. All that sets up nicely for me. Having said all that, you still have to go out and execute and play well, so hopefully I'll get out there and play well and have a chance.

**Q. Being that it has been so long since you've been here, a lot of these guys we see every single year on the Champions Tour, they have it a little fresher in their mind. Does that make any difference to you that it's been so long and there are other guys you're competing against that have been here last year?**

**COREY PAVIN:** I have a secret weapon, my caddie, Eric Schwarz. He's probably played more rounds of golf out here than -- certainly he's played more rounds of golf than I have. He's been on the golf course a lot. They used to have the caddie tournament out here. He's a pretty good player, so he knows the course very, very well. So I'll be relying on Eric for some strategy during the week. After I play the course once or twice I pretty much know what I want to do, but his knowledge of the golf course is very good, so I'll be relying on Eric quite a bit.

**Q. Have you had a spiedie sandwich since you've been back?**

**COREY PAVIN:** I haven't.

**Q. I go with the pork usually; chicken's good, too.**

**COREY PAVIN:** Any kind of bread?

**Q. Italian bread, only way to go.**

**COREY PAVIN:** Thanks.

**Q. So one of the best fields that the Dick's Sporting Goods Open has ever seen. Can you talk a little bit about the competitiveness of the weekend?**

**COREY PAVIN:** It's pretty competitive out here. I think there's -- hear once in a while that the Champions Tour is not competitive, but I'll tell you what, this is my third year and I finally won this year and I've been trying pretty darn hard to win. These guys really know how to play golf and they know how to win. That's the one thing I've been amazed about. When you look down the field and you look at all the wins all the guys that have major championships, regular tournaments out here on the Champions Tour, these are gentlemen that know how to win golf tournaments. They're not going to back down, they're not going to make mistakes. So winning is very hard to do out here, and as a result obviously everybody's very competitive. We wouldn't be out here and have the careers we had if we weren't competitive. It doesn't stop just because we turn 50. If anything, it makes us feel stronger a little bit because we realize the window's closing on our chances to play competitive golf at a very high level, so we're working pretty hard to play golf tournaments.

**MODERATOR:** Anything else? Thank you, sir. Good luck this week.

**COREY PAVIN:** Thank you.