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GLEN DAY



Q. We're now joined by Glen Day here at the Simmons Bank Championship. Just to start, how great is it to have the Champions Tour here in Arkansas?

GLEN DAY: I mean, it's fabulous. I love bringing my friends into the state of Arkansas, we get to show them a little slice of our heaven and everybody's loving it. Hospitality's been great, community has been great and can't say enough about Simmons Bank stepping up and it's just been a phenomenal job so far.

Q. Could you talk about the challenge that Pleasant Valley is going to face for these players?

GLEN DAY: Well, I was telling everybody that was asking about the golf course, I said it's a country club course and it's in front of you, it's really good, it's going to be in good shape. I was saying I think the scores will be low.

Well, Tuesday the wind blew and so when the wind blew on Tuesday, when the wind blows it's a lot harder. Everybody was coming up to me going it's not nearly as easy as you were telling us, that was kind of misleading. But it's going to be a great test, I expect low scores.

The weather's fabulous. That was the only thing I was in charge of, so I'm done after this.

Q. Welcome back. I guess you've had a busy week. What's it been like so far? I mean, we talked Sunday night, I guess, and you've been here and there and everywhere, I guess.

GLEN DAY: It's been great. Like I said, people could not have been nicer to all of the players and the families, wives that are here. It's been phenomenal. You know, once we get the pro-am over with, everybody playing in the pro-am has had fun.

Our product on the Champions Tour is a lot different than the regular tour. I mean, we're up close and personal, we're shaking hands. We love talking to people. That's the way we grew up. The PGA TOUR was like that. It's not like that anymore, but we're still like that.

So all of my friends are like, man, I can't believe how nice this guy was or he sat and talked to me. I go, hey, that's what we do.

It's turning out wonderful so far. I hope the community is enjoying it because I know the players are.

Q. Just with you being a local guy and your wife, can you talk about like what kind of events you've been hosting or (indiscernible)?

GLEN DAY: Well, it means a lot to me because, like I said, we get to bring our product in and I get to show my friends what I've been doing for 37 years. A few people have come out with me, but not many. Jennifer has.

We're not just friends out here on tour, this is like a family. Our kids grew up together, we know when the kids got married, we've been to each other's kids' weddings. You know, through the good times and the bad, we're a family. I would call any number of these guys, most anybody if I have a question, and they do the same to me. The wives are the same. My wife is hosting the wives' luncheon today. This has been a fabulous event.

Q. What does this mean for the city?

GLEN DAY: For the city of Little Rock, the economic impact, No. 1, is phenomenal. Not only that, look at the weather we have we're going to get to show on TV.

And let's not lose focus, this is all about charity. We're raising charity dollars, OK? Golf puts in more money in charity than football, baseball and basketball combined annually. That's what we're ultimately here for. We're not just here one year, that's what I want everybody to understand. This is the start of a beautiful relationship. Simmons could not have stepped up any more, they are a fabulous company. The bank has shown their community support through any number of things, this is just one more. And we're here for the long haul and we're here to make our community a better place in the years and years to come.

Q. The first time we've had this in Little Rock. I was just wondering if you could give any advice to fans that may be coming to their first PGA TOUR, their first Champions Tour event.

GLEN DAY: The weather's going to be great, come out and watch. They've got a big screen TV set up, so they'll have football going on on the TV, they can go there. You can walk around and you get up and personal to athletes. You go to a basketball game, they're on the basketball court and there's security, you're not going to get very close, your seats are wherever. Same thing with football, same thing with baseball.

We're a totally different animal and we're very approachable. Everybody will sign autographs when they get done and talk. We're just, golfers are a great bunch of guys, I just have to say that.

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Q. I was just wondering what kind of impact you think an event like this can have on the game of golf in the state of Arkansas.

GLEN DAY: Well, we have a phenomenal group of young golfers, junior golfers now. I mean, great golf swings really coming up. For them to come out and get to see guys that have won numerous major championships, and when I say numerous, I don't know the number that's here, but normally in a normal event of 78 guys, we have 500 to 600 wins and over \$600 million in earnings. So these guys didn't just do it as a hobby, they're Hall of Fame players. These are the guys in the game of golf. So for young kids to get to come out and watch this, I think it will inspire them to move on in the future in the game of golf.

Q. Any places you're telling people to check out if they have free time?

GLEN DAY: That's a funny thing. Now, my wife, she's taking the wives around and seeing things. For us as golfers, when we go somewhere we usually see a hotel, a golf course and a few restaurants and that's about it. So yes, I've told them some restaurants and stuff to go to and they're enjoying everything in town.