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Q. All right, we're now joined by Steve Allan here at The Ally Challenge. Making your second appearance, finished T-5 last year, just to start, how good is it to be back here at Warwick Hills?

STEVE ALLAN: Yeah, it's great. It's one of those courses I played on the PGA TOUR back in the day at the old Buick Open and it's the same comfort level coming back to a place that you know.

So, last year I really enjoyed coming here. I pretty much had my best tournament here last year playing with Stewart in the final group. Yeah, it's good to be back.

Q. Last time we saw you on our tour you were hoisting a trophy in Seattle, and you took last week off. Tell us, what were you doing last week?

STEVE ALLAN: I was moving my oldest son into college last week. We had to drive him from Phoenix up to Denver. It was a shame to miss it, I really enjoyed Calgary last year. Have to do what you have to do, and I had a good week, it was good fun. A bit sad to see him off, but he's going to have a good time.

Q. Were you able to get some practice in?

STEVE ALLAN: I played a little at home, then I had a hit with him on his course that he plays, he qualifies at. Yeah, a little bit.

Q. You've had two other wins on the tour this season as well. What do you think is going to be the biggest challenge here at Warwick to get you that fourth win this season?

STEVE ALLAN: I think staying patient, I think. You know, after my first win, the next couple tournaments I didn't play so well and I think I had to really just sort of reassess and make sure that I'm still playing my own game. You can't win the tournament the first day, you've just got to go out and play well, and when you do that and you stay really in the moment, just try and play well, your score takes care of itself. Sometimes that's hard to do. You get excited, want to really do well. You look at the leaderboard, someone might be really having a good start and you can't do anything about that, you've just got to play.

Q. Almost to a person, the players who have played here in the past like you have said it is always great to return to Warwick Hills. What is it about this course that you guys love so much?

STEVE ALLAN: I think back in the day it was such a big tournament, like Tiger used to come here. The course, it's not tricked up, it's fairly I don't want to say straightforward because it's got a lot of good golf holes, but it's not a course that you have to learn every nook and cranny to play well. It's more about good quality golf shots. It's just good shots, good distance control.

And I think the community welcomed us back in the day and everyone really likes coming back to those kind of places. You feel like people want you to be here. It was an event and I think that's just -- plus the comfort level of coming somewhere that you know.

Q. With what you've accomplished this year, is everything the rest of the season gravy or do the goals reset?

STEVE ALLAN: I think the goals reset a little bit. I think to a certain extent it doesn't matter what happens, I'm going to have had a good year from now on, but it's just about trying to keep pushing and improving.

You know, Miguel's a long way in front on the money list, it might be hard to catch him, but you've got to keep going. It's good for me to play -- the Schwab Cup is in Phoenix, which is my hometown now, so it will be great to finish the season that way.

Q. At this point in the season, where does this rank among the best years you've had in golf?

STEVE ALLAN: I think it's my best year. I had a couple of good years, but never to the point that I was winning multiple times. I think my second year on the European Tour when I first turned pro I had a runner-up and a win in the same year, not much after that. You know, I kept my card a few times, I had a couple chances to win on the PGA TOUR but never got it done, and never in a period of time that I have sort of two so closely together. Easily my best year in golf.