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**STEWART CINK**



**MODERATOR:** We have Stewart Cink here today at the 2025 Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

Stewart, this is your second appearance here at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship where you rank third in the standings. How are you feeling being back at Phoenix Country Club?

**STEWART CINK:** I love being here. It's a great time of year to be in Phoenix and it's a good golf course, fun to play. Pretty good fit for me for my game.

I had a good experience here last year and looking to do a little bit better in the event, but this year I'm a lot closer in the Charles Schwab Cup standings so that's definitely -- I wouldn't even say it's in the background, it's a foreground kind of a thing this week. There's a handful of us that have a chance to win that. I know it's on everybody's mind.

**MODERATOR:** You were showing some pretty good form back in Little Rock two weeks ago. How have you spent those last two weeks getting ready for this tournament?

**STEWART CINK:** Well, I haven't really spent them getting ready for the tournament. My off weeks look a lot different than they used to because we have three grandchildren, so when we go home now I do get my practice in, but there's a lot more time filled with other stuff and last week was no different, last couple weeks.

I had my coach in town for a day. Actually, both of my coaches. Got some good practice time in, but also plenty of family time and downtime. That's what off weeks look like at the Cink household.

I would have freaked out about that kind of stuff back when I was in my 20s playing on the PGA TOUR, but age has taught me that there's, how do you say it, decreasing returns when you just grind your butt off all the time. Sometimes freshening up the mind is what's needed. Fortunately, my two granddaughters and one grandson are providing me that opportunity.

**MODERATOR:** And then real quick, just tell us, you just received a jersey on behalf of the Phoenix Suns.

**STEWART CINK:** Yeah, sure did.

**Q. Tell us, you're a big sports fan, what did that mean to you?**



**STEWART CINK:** Yeah, I got a nice -- look at that -- a nice Phoenix jersey. They went the extra mile to give me a little personalization on the back.

I love the NBA. We're Hawks fans through and through. If you're a fan of the NBA long enough, your favorite players go to almost every team.

I grew up coming out to Phoenix. I had a personal connection here, my dad's brother and my grandparents lived here for my whole life, so I was kind of always a Phoenix Suns fan. They were my 2A. It was always fun to watch the Suns and I've done a few things with them over the years out here and had a good time doing it. Very fortunate to receive a Suns jersey.

**Q. Stewart, you've been on the circuit for a couple years now. Is there something that you've learned being out here that maybe you didn't know before you joined the circuit?**

**STEWART CINK:** Not really. It's no surprise that the players are really good and it's hard to win out here. I knew that coming in.

I haven't really been surprised. I've spent the last basically year and a half playing out here and learning the courses and the towns, so now I feel like it's kind of become more of my home circuit.

I just have enjoyed it. It's fun to be in contention and fun to compete and practice and have a goal that you can see tangible results sometimes. That's what Champions offers us out here is a chance to keep the competitive spirit going without all the extra noise that is on the PGA TOUR.

The PGA TOUR's the pinnacle of the game and there should be a lot of noise out here, but out here you get to just kind of strip it down to its pure elements and that's how well can you play, how do you respond under the sort of adversity of being in contention week after week. You get to learn about yourself at a time when most people that play other sports are just having -- they've hung them up a long time ago. We get to keep going.

**Q. Did you like the extra week off during this time?**

**STEWART CINK:** No. I'd rather just come out and play tournaments. I'd rather -- I mean, I did enjoy the weeks off, yes, but I would rather play all of our tournaments in a 28-week stretch and get them done. I feel like that's to my advantage. Over the years I've played my best when I've played in successive weeks.

I wish it could be like that, but I know it's much more than just what the players want out here. It's a very complex business doing the schedule and they do a great job. They gave us two weeks to relax and sort of get our minds off the game for a while before we come in here to the big one.



**Q. Seventy-two holes versus the normal 54, does that change how you approach the week at all?**

**STEWART CINK:** It really doesn't except for it just means a different travel schedule and you have to just back everything up a day. We pretty much have a set routine, I'm speaking for myself and probably most every player, where we kind of come into weeks at the same time, we kind of do the same thing on every day to get ourselves ready. This week you just have to do it a day earlier. That's fine. I'm still not too far removed from PGA TOUR golf. Every one of those tournaments has four rounds, so kind of feel back at home a little bit.

**Q. Last question: Georgia Tech, underranked in the College Football Playoffs? How do you feel about their position?**

**STEWART CINK:** There's like six teams ahead of them that have lost two and Georgia Tech's only lost one, so there is an argument for underranked.

No, I think they're probably about where they should be. Their strength of schedule isn't the highest this year. That's no fault of anyone's, they make the schedules years in advance, but they're probably about where they ought to be based on what they've shown on the field.

They're exciting to watch, they're excruciating to watch sometimes for fans, but we're just so tickled. We've got a great coach and our quarterback's got a heart, big heart, and we've got a lot of really strong players. I'm having fun watching them, I know that.

