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STEWART CINK: This is my roots, you know, Alabama. So I played I think every golf course in Birmingham except for Greystone as a junior golfer because it didn't exist, and there was a lot of courses I played in Birmingham as a junior golfer that don't exist anymore.

This is where I cut my teeth in golf. The fans out here were awesome, I saw a lot of familiar faces. Everybody's put on the years, but some people from junior golf that I played with and against and their families. A lot of my friends and family have been out here all week anyway that I knew they were coming. It's just been great.

Q. Take me inside the ropes today. It wasn't easy, was it?

STEWART CINK: No, it wasn't easy. Sometimes a light breeze that's variable is harder to play in than like a 20-mile an hour steady wind. Today was one of those days, the wind was all over the place. Down here in these trees, the golf course cuts through a neighborhood, it was very, very tough to figure out how far the ball's going to go and which way the wind was coming from. It threw me for a loop a couple times early.

But I was pretty resilient and I trusted what I had and our game plan was good. You know, I wasn't perfect by any stretch, but I played good golf and under the circumstances I kind of did what I needed to do to kind of keep everybody from being too close. But still, it never feels easy. I wish it felt easier, it never does.

Q. Can you look ahead? This is turning into a magical year.

STEWART CINK: Maybe, but one of the things I'm doing a pretty good job of is just kind of staying in the moment. I'm enjoying Regions Tradition right now. I played well enough to win here.

It wasn't too long ago that I didn't play well enough to win, that was in the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in Atlanta. It feels good to get back in the winner's circle again, of course. I hope there's a lot more times coming. This is a fun window to be involved in on the Champions Tour, on the PGA TOUR Champions, so I feel like I kind of found a little bit of a footing in it and it's hopefully going to last a long time, but it's been fun.

Q. Can you take me through the conversation with Jim Furyk and congratulations on being vice-captain?

STEWART CINK: Yeah. I mean, it's pretty much what you would expect. He called earlier this week. We're friends, so wasn't shocked to get a call from him about anything. Hope it's



about Ryder Cup, but you don't want to assume anything.

Yeah, he said -- he was part of my '23 Ryder Cup when I was assistant there, he was also assistant, and I vice-captained for him at Montreal last year, or last time, 2024. So we have quite a track record playing together, being in the captain's rooms together. I'm just honored that he thinks enough of my presence in the team room to tag me as a vice captain. I'm going to do everything I can for our team to win.

Q. You're going back to Houston where you're defending. Any thoughts on that?

STEWART CINK: Well, the first big thought is next two days my wife is the focus, for sure. She's got a big checkup with MD Anderson tomorrow. She's reached her 10-year mark since her diagnosis. It's just a meaningful appointment for us tomorrow because there's a chance her treatment might change significantly in a good way. We don't know, but we're hopeful and we're grateful for what's already happened.

So life throws a lot of things your way. For the next two days we're not going to be thinking too much about golf. I don't think she's going to be thinking a lot about golf this week no matter what comes up.

But it will be fun to get back down to Houston once we finish at MD Anderson and hopefully have a lot to be thankful for. Yeah, we'll be at the Insperity, defending champ there. It's a great tournament there. I look forward to playing every week. I really love playing golf. Playing PGA TOUR Champions golf is a lot of fun and I'm having a blast doing it.

