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Medinah Country Club

Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Out	Total
Yardage	434	191	414	463	537	474	587	204	435	3,739	579	438	471	244	605	392	453	197	443	3,822	7,561
Par	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	36	72

FLASH INTERVIEW WITH:

STEWART CINK

Q. What are your initial thoughts going into tomorrow?

STEWART CINK: I think I need to shoot about 8-under tomorrow to get a Top 10. It's possible out here. I'm not giving it up yet. At least tomorrow if I can go out there and have a good solid round -- I mean, the pressure is off as far as the *Ryder Cup*. I really don't have anything to lose except what I've already lost this week, and that's a good chance of winning this tournament.

Tomorrow is a good day to go out there and at least just make some more noise. At this point that's about all I can do.

Q. (Inaudible)?

STEWART CINK: I have not really heard much about any kind of picks or any speculation at all, mainly because I don't have *The Golf Channel*. I haven't heard much. I'm not really thinking too much about it. I'm No. 12. It is what it is. I could maybe finish Top 10 and qualify for the team or just be left to hope. So really, like I said earlier, the pressure is pretty much off. I really haven't had to deal with a whole lot of pressure this week, and unfortunately my game has been pretty lousy, also.

Q. (Inaudible)?

STEWART CINK: It's the course itself. The greens are like brand-new greens. And they are, they're new. They just feel like -- it doesn't

seem like it would be possible for these greens to ever be firm and really fast. I'm sure they could shave them down fast, but then they'd run the risk of losing them because they don't feel very healthy underneath your feet when you walk on them.

I know it rained last night, but all week we've been taking huge chunks out of the greens, and it's because they don't really have that much of a root system. So the soft greens at this course are pretty much defenseless, and the scores are showing it.

Q. A lot of guys are saying it doesn't feel like a major tournament to them. Would you agree, disagree?

STEWART CINK: I think it comes down to the course. When we come to a *PGA Championship* or a *U.S. Open*, usually you're expecting to feel an extremely difficult golf course, fear on the tee because you know you absolutely have to hit the fairway. So I think that's where the difference is this week. You just don't feel that way. The holes aren't that long and the greens are soft, they're slow. To be honest, they're pretty slow. It just doesn't really have that real edgy feel that a major usually has.

It's still a big tournament. We know it's a major, and whether the scores are high or low, you have to go out there and play your best. There's going to be a lot of pressure on some guys tomorrow.

Q. (Inaudible)?

STEWART CINK: I don't think there's anything that we can do that they don't already know about. I think the main problem with the course here has to do with the laying down of new grass and the redesigning of all the greens. We

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didn't have that at **Winged Foot** this year. They're the same greens we've been playing on there for 50 or 60 years or more. Looking back at some other **PGAs** in the past, I don't remember --

Q. Baltusrol?

STEWART CINK: **Baltusrol**, great example. Those greens hadn't been touched in so long and they were absolutely perfect for a major. They were bouncy and tricky and you had to hit it on the green to have a chance.

Q. Do you think that the club wasn't ready for this?

STEWART CINK: I don't think it wasn't that they weren't ready. I don't think the root structure of the greens took hold very well, and it's a shallow root structure and the balls are landing making craters like the moon. I just watched **Phil** hit a wood into a par 3, and the ball did not bounce. Literally it just stuck and plugged in the green in its own pitch mark from 250. Some of that is due to the rain last night, but the balls have been doing that all week.

The golf course is solid, it's a good golf course. It's not like it's not capable of handling a major. It's just the greens being redesigned and rebuilt, they're just new greens and they're really having a tough time getting them firm enough and fast enough to play this kind of championship on.

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