

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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STEWART CINK (-7)

Q. Stewart, opening 65 including a 30 on the back, did something flip at the turn for you?

STEWART CINK: I didn't realize I shot 30 own the back, so thanks for letting me know.

I actually got some momentum with one of those downhill hard breakers for birdie to kind of open my birdie day up on 7, so starting there I had a little bit of momentum. I made some nice short to medium putts on 10, 11, 12 and 13. The greens are amazing and if you get it online, your ball's going in the hole. It's really, it's going to come down to a putting contest out here because I believe we're probably going to be lift, clean and place I would think in the fairways, and they're receptive. You've got to keep the ball rolling on the greens. The field just won't slow down, they'll keep on making birdies.

Q. Stewart, do you believe in once the floodgates open as in Houston, they open?

STEWART CINK: I don't think so because every tournament's like a new beginning, we start again. No, it feels great and there's some memories fresh from getting a win there but it's not like you can go out there and just sleepwalk your way to winning. You've still got to do the right things. There's a reason we got a win in Houston and the reasons are what we have to keep doing here and forward and we'll hopefully pick up some more wins. But there's no guarantee, we don't see it like that.

Q. (No microphone.)

STEWART CINK: Well, yeah, I mean, confidence in the acknowledgment that what you're doing is kind of working relative to the field and it resulted in a win where I didn't even feel like I played like lights-out golf or anything. So yeah, there's a good acknowledgment of positivity in our process, but I think that just mostly serves into not being too much into the results. I'm still going to shoot some 74s, 75s this year, I might shoot a few 64s and 65s like today. So it's -- golf is just a process-oriented game and it's really, really -- one of the biggest challenges in this game at our level is to not be into the results, and we train really hard to not be in the results and stay in the process. It's boring, but 65s and wins aren't boring.

Q. And then just lastly how was it playing with Nick Saban and Charles Barkley yesterday?

STEWART CINK: Oh, it was a blast, we had a circus atmosphere out there for a Wednesday pro-am. The crowd out here, I mean, I'm pretty sure football is the biggest sport in Alabama, I'll just say that I think with confidence. I've been around those guys a little bit



before, but to get a chance to play with both of those guys in the pro-am and the other two guys from the bank, we had a good time. It was a really cool experience and I hope they had a good time playing with me, I sure did enjoy it.

