

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
**August 23, 2025**

**STEWART CINK (-11)**



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**Q. All right, Stewart, a little different round than yesterday. Just tell us about today.**

**STEWART CINK:** Well, it was mainly just off the tees, I was just a little off left and right. The shoe guy is going to have his work cut out because my shoes are covered in grass and all kinds of stuff that they weren't covered in yesterday.

But this course is just not the kind of course that you can play from wide. You can play from just off the fairways, but you can't be more than 10, 15 yards off the fairways and I was out there in that range a lot today. Your score is just going to struggle when you're out there playing defense all day. I didn't hit many fairways at all.

I'd like to drive it a little bit better tomorrow. I don't think I'm going to really make any adjustments, it's just more of a focus thing and a freedom thing just going to let it go.

I'm looking forward to tomorrow though playing with Ernie. I'm not even sure who the third guy's going to be in the group, but Ernie, that's something that all of us kind of dreamed to do is kind of go toe to toe with Ernie Els, a classy guy and a Hall of Famer.

**Q. On that note, can you just kind of talk about the back and forth playing with Ernie today?**

**STEWART CINK:** Well, he played really well. Our whole group started off a little scrappy and then Ernie was the first one to sort of turn it around and play more consistent golf.

I was there for a little while too and I made a couple of bogeys that were just like -- you know, just rather not discuss those on 14 and 15, they just weren't very good holes. Ernie, while that was going on, was playing some really good golf. He deserved to be in the lead after today, he played great, so it's going to be fun tomorrow.

**Q. So when you go through a day like this when maybe the driver's not on, during the course of the round what are you thinking about? What's going on?**

**STEWART CINK:** Well, golf, you're always making little adjustments here and there, but one thing you can't do is just like react to the previous shot because every shot you have to still remember is like case 1 of 1. There's not really a strong connection between shots out here, especially off tees. So until you see like 15, 20, 30 shots in a pattern going in the same direction, you can't really adjust too much.

So that's why I mentioned before, it's not really a swing adjustment, it's more of just like a

focus and an intent adjustment that I'm going to make for tomorrow. I know I have what it takes to compete really well deep in these tournaments and I plan to do just that tomorrow.