

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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STEWART CINK (-16)



Q. So we have Stewart Cink. So you started the round today making eagle and then that set you up for the rest of your clean 32 on the front. How did you kind of approach that going in the back nine?

STEWART CINK: It was just a day of trying to not make it about match play because Steve is just playing great and I knew he was going to continue to pile on the birdies.

Starting off with eagle was a bonus, I chipped in. It was a bonus, it wasn't something you expect to do. It did set me up for a confident kind of flow all day really. It never really varied, it was just a nice solid flow all day and it resulted in some birdies. Our group, I don't know if he would have said the same thing, we kind of fed off each other a little bit. It's exciting.

Q. Were you watching the scoreboard at all while you guys were kind of starting to go --

STEWART CINK: I wasn't seeking scoreboards out, but I don't ignore them either. I kind of knew where he and I stood. I'm not intently focused on that, we've got our hands full out there.

Yeah, I was aware to a certain extent at least where we stood all day with each other. It looked like we had a little separation there in the middle of the back nine. This course, the nature of this place, the players can finish pretty fast and so it's going to be a real exciting day, I know that tomorrow.

Q. Absolutely. And how are you approaching tomorrow especially given the weather conditions potentially with rain in the morning?

STEWART CINK: Yeah, it's hard to know. We're in the desert for a reason, sometimes it doesn't rain as much as they think. But we've also played in lots of rain here in Arizona. If it does rain, this course will play awfully different and it will be new for me to see it like that.

Even if we get a lot of rain and then it clears out, the course is still going to play quite different with the wet conditions. It will be kind of like -- we'll have to kind of feel it out as we go and maybe make a few adjustments here and there off some of the tees, like the lines.

But everybody's got to deal with the same stuff. It's a 36-person field, it's compressed, everybody's going to tee off almost exactly the same time. It's just going to be, no matter what, it's going to be a fun day tomorrow.



Q. Stewart, does it ultimately come down to match play?

STEWART CINK: Well, I actually wish it would because I love match play. I think this would be an exciting scenario to have a match, but you can't do that. If me and Alker both go out there and lay an egg out there, then someone else is going to come from behind, we know that.

But it will be -- I mean, we have a scenario, no secret, that the winner tomorrow, if it's one of us, wins the Charles Schwab Cup. That's my goal and I'm sure that's his goal, too. He's a little bit more experienced in this situation than I am, but I've also gained a lot of experience in my career. I know how to handle this stuff and I know that there's a chance I could win it tomorrow. There's a chance I could not win, but I'm ready for either one.

Q. You've said all year that that's your goal and you're 18 holes away from it.

STEWART CINK: Yeah, and I've done what I needed to do this week to give myself a chance to win. You have to play well enough to give yourself a shot at it before this tournament starts. Then as the play unfolds here, you have to stay in the mix and certainly have done that.

So it all comes down to really one round between him and me. But we can't just go completely eye to eye tomorrow and try to knock each other off because the players behind are just too good.

In my case, I need to finish first place in this tournament. I think he's got some scenarios where he doesn't need to finish first place and he can still win the whole thing.

Aside from the Charles Schwab Cup, this is a great tournament. I love playing this course and I would love to win this thing.

