

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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STEWART CINK (-20)



Q. We've got Stewart Cink here. Stewart, you said this was your goal all week, all season. How do you feel accomplishing that goal now?

STEWART CINK: Well, it feels really, really good. It's something that's very unusual, too, because normally in golf you make goals and you just cross them off that you didn't make them. Obviously we want to push ourselves with goals that are lofty, but on the PGA TOUR Champions, this is as lofty as it gets. The season-long Charles Schwab Cup race is really the biggest item on the docket.

So to have put it out there and to make it my goal and to talk about it often and then to accomplish it, there would have been a chance to maybe like crumble out there.

It feels great. I'm just so pleased. I'm proud of putting myself out at risk just as much as I am of accomplishing the goal.

Q. And how did it feel playing alongside Steven Alker and knowing that he had won the tournament before? Just walk us through that.

STEWART CINK: Well, he's just an incredible competitor. What he's done since he turned 50 and started playing out here on the PGA TOUR Champions has been just remarkable. He's so consistent and a proven winner. He always is in the hunt.

This week it just came down to basically him or me. It was clear late in the tournament that we were not just playing for the tournament, we were playing for the Charles Schwab Cup. It was tough to not make it a match play thing, but he's just a great guy to play against and he will definitely bring the best out of all of us.

Q. When you take like a three-shot lead like you did today on the backside, how do you keep the focus and the gas pedal down and all that stuff?

STEWART CINK: Well, I give all the credit to Alker for that because I knew -- very uncharacteristically, he gave me that little three-putt there on 12 I think it was after I just made a birdie putt. That's just not something he does very often, but I knew that was going to light a fire in him. Even though my lead went to three right there, I knew that it was not going to be over because he was going to come out swinging. A guy like that doesn't stay down, he's just got a lot of heart.

Sure enough, he goes and birdies the next hole, probably one of the hardest holes on the golf course. Then he birdied 15. I had to stick it in there on top of him and birdie as well. He



birdied 16.

I knew it was coming. I knew I didn't have anything to protect, I had to keep going and keep pushing. I was really proud of the way I finished.

Q. What were the emotions like, you walking up 18, getting to wave at the fans, good gallery there as you walked up?

STEWART CINK: Well, there was some uncertainty because I didn't see where his second shot went. I thought I might have heard the gallery react to the effect of a ball maybe not going on grass, but I didn't see it.

So I was going to always lay up, I had no shot to the green out of the rough. But once I hit my layup shot and I saw Troy Martin, his caddie, and Steve kind of like looking for where their drop was going to be, I figured that was confirmation that his ball was in the water.

So it was a little bit of an anticlimactic end because I expected him to lace a second there on the green and force me to probably get up and down for birdie to win. It didn't end up happening like that, but I had to keep my composure and still execute the last half of the hole. Sometimes par's good enough.

Q. And just your connections to the Valley, what does it mean for you to accomplish what you did today here at this course in the Valley?

STEWART CINK: I've always loved being here. I played some junior golf with my family at courses all around this little area here, Dobson Ranch, Encanto, courses like that. San Marcos probably doesn't exist anymore.

Q. It does.

STEWART CINK: It does, OK. Used to smell like manure. Literally, they fertilized it with manure.

So I've got ties and memories going back to my childhood around here. My aunt and uncle still live here, grandparents passed away, but this is an area that we came to a lot for visiting and it means a lot to me. And my parents were here. It's a family week for us.

