

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
**January 23, 2026**



**STEWART CINK (-15)**

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**Q. All right, Stewart, 9-under 63 today to get to 15 under par. How would you assess today's round?**

**STEWART CINK:** Well, it was just -- the wind was gentle out there so there are scoring opportunities on this golf course. But I said it yesterday, too, you still have to do it. You can't just fall asleep out there and expect to make a whole bunch of birdies. You still have to be really dialed in. You are given the opportunity to hit the ball close and to take advantage of the par-5s, but you still have to do it.

So that's been a key for me the last couple days is just doing it. I haven't been lackadaisical very often, I haven't been relaxing and I've been focused when the time comes. It's turned into some -- taken advantage of some pretty opportunistic holes out there.

**Q. Do you think today, because it's Round 2, another second round under your belt for the year, led to better scoring for you?**

**STEWART CINK:** It could have, but the difference between yesterday and today, it's hard to even put a finger on what the difference was. It was the same round. Today I had a couple putts go in and yesterday I had a couple that slid by the edge and that's really it. I haven't made a bogey today and I didn't make one yesterday and today's score was lower.

I wouldn't say I did anything better or worse today, it was the same round and kind of consistent. I stayed patient and let the course yield to me. A course like this, when the weather is calm, calm-ish, it will yield if you play well and you stay focused.

**Q. Speaking of bogey, 16 looked like a pretty routine bunker shot from where I was.**

**STEWART CINK:** Yeah. Everything was good about it, it was just so short. It was such a short shot. Sometimes it's hard to hit a bunker shot the right speed when you only have to hit it about 12 feet in the air. It's just, it's easy to sort of like die into that ball and that's kind of what I did, I just decelled it and tried to be a little too perfect there. There's nothing wrong with hitting that shot six, seven feet past the hole and giving yourself a reasonable chance to make par. I knew that that was not a good bunker to be in. The second shot was the problem there, not the bunker shot. The bunker shot wasn't very good, but really, I had no reason to be hitting a bunker shot on my third shot.

**Q. Do you expect a shootout tomorrow?**

**STEWART CINK:** Yeah, for sure. I mean, I don't know even where I am. I think I'm near the

lead. It's going to take something in the 20s to win this thing, unless the wind just comes up out of nowhere. It's not supposed to be very windy from what I saw, but it's going to take a lot of birdies and a lot of aggression and also some smart play though.

It's going to be a lot of fun. I love being out here competing against these guys and I know they feel the same way, so it's going to be a fun final round.

**Q. Just wanted to close with Tuesday night you took home a couple awards, including Player of the Year. Just how much fun has this week been for you as a whole?**

**STEWART CINK:** Yeah, it's celebratory for sure. To win the Player of the Year honor with the players voting on it, it just means a ton. I vote for that, too. I voted for those awards for years and years and years. I never have, at least -- well, I did once, my Rookie of the Year, that was voted on, too. It doesn't happen very often. It's a really special week and a special 2025.