

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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STEWART CINK (+35)

Q. Sixty-three, you knew you had to come out and go low today, right?

STEWART CINK: I wanted to. I tried really hard to eliminate the have to's and should's in this game but I knew I wanted to.

Yesterday I hit on the first hole -- this is how different golf can be on you. I hit my drive down the middle of the fairway and hit a sand wedge in, and I missed the green left and made a sloppy bogey and it set the tone for the rest of the day.

Today, hit it down the middle of the fairway, hit a really good, crisp, decisive, well-planned iron shot and made a 15-footer for birdie and it set the tone for the rest of the day.

I've got to be better about that. One hole shouldn't set the tone for anything, but I do let it do that sometimes.

Q. And the round yesterday just kind of put you behind the 8-ball?

STEWART CINK: Yesterday was terrible, it was so sloppy. I didn't hit any shots close, didn't make any putts. I still had fun. Regan caddying, we had a good time out there battling, but couldn't get anything like to go our way.

It really wasn't like luck's fault or anything, just nothing happening and I wasn't doing much.

Yeah, today was a little bit more, I don't know, a little bit more purposeful mindset. And I don't know why, I guess -- I don't know why I felt more freed up, but I felt more freed up to just go out there and just like, just throw it all against the wall and see what happens.

Got off to a great start, made eagle on 6. It's amazing how quickly you can get back into this thing in this format. It's really interesting and fun. After playing three rounds, I'm very pleased with the format. I hope everybody else is. This course lends itself to the format more than I even thought it would.

Q. I was going to ask about 6. Can you take us through that sequence there for the eagle?

STEWART CINK: Yeah, sure. I hit almost exactly the same drive I did yesterday, but yesterday we were into the wind and it was raining and I hit my drive about 245. Today I hit it about 335. I mean, it was a 90-yard difference. I hit the exact same drive.



Today I hit a hybrid from my second shot from a perfect lie in the fairway. I was on the left side of the fairway so I didn't have to deal with the trees. I took it right up over to the back half of the green, had about a 25-footer kind of straight downhill.

Q. Feel like you can kind of take a breath now?

STEWART CINK: Yeah, tonight, tomorrow. I don't know. It's not like a stressful week, it's just a little bit of an unusual week. I find it difficult to play really good here. I've always found it difficult here to play really good. It's just a different experience playing at home. I've got to get -- I want to get a little bit better at it. I haven't been the best at it.

I just, I do enjoy it. I embrace it now. That's one of the things I wanted to make sure changed when I came out on the Champions Tour and became the host of this tournament was to really like embrace this whereas on the PGA TOUR when we played here, I treated it almost like a little bit of a hurdle. I had a little bit of a bad attitude about playing here. Now it's the other way around. I've still got to get used to the -- I mean, I played 700-something golf tournaments, I'm kind of used to doing things a certain way.

