

**ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES**  
**May 2, 2026**



**STEWART CINK (-15)**

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**Q. Fifty-four hole leader, Stewart Cink. Take me through the finish with a birdie at the last after that double there on the back.**

**STEWART CINK:** Yeah, the birdie at the last was nice. That was some pretty good shots.

But the double on the 15th hole was, that's what happens when you hit a whole bunch of bad shots in one hole, you get a bad score, and I did. Bad tee ball, kind of got myself in jail, had to pitch it out, and then just the third shot was fine, exactly pretty much where I wanted it to be, and then my fourth shot just did not react like I wanted it to or expected it to, ended up with a long putt and just compounded the errors. Just that one hurt a little. It was more just frustrating because of like c'mon, that's not (indiscernible).

Overall today it was just a lot harder day to score out there. I wasn't quite as sharp either as I was the first couple days, but sometimes the golf course, you know, it just turns on you a little bit. The wind direction on a lot of the holes was awkward and it was difficult to pick out a lot of the gusts in the direction of it. And I have yet to play this course in this kind of wind, so this is kind of a learning experience. Handled it OK a lot and also it got in my head a little bit. Hopefully come out tomorrow with a little cleaner intent about the round and try to grow the lead a little bit.

**Q. We always ask you what you've learned when you shoot 65. What did you learn today?**

**STEWART CINK:** Well, definitely early on I hit a couple of iron shots that were a little just uncommitted, just without that intent that I was just talking about.

You know, when you're hitting shots against the wind, the last thing you want to do is get to be steering the ball and guiding it and trying to control the finish because it just doesn't work out. I tried to do that a little bit today. I recognized it after a couple shots and I was a lot better.

I hit some really good iron shots after me and Chris talked it over. If you take away the 15th hole, it was a pretty good, gummy kind of round.

There weren't a lot of low scores I don't think. I haven't seen the scores, but I have a feeling the golf course wasn't yielding a whole lot of scores today like usual. Anything under par is OK. I mean, I could have cleaned it up a little, but I can't be overly upset. It was the kind of round that probably could have become a 74 or 75 fairly easily and I kept it sort of around the par number and extended the lead I think by a shot maybe from the start of the day. I



don't know, I'm not exactly sure where I stand. That will be something to look at later.

**Q. You're playing in the final group with Colin. When's the last time you guys have played in a meaningful round like this on a Sunday today?**

**STEWART CINK:** World Champions Cup on Sunday. He played great, he beat me. Colin, we've played a lot together over the years. It's been a while, but he's a good competitor and he definitely will be digging deep into every bit of his bag of tricks to try to win this thing and so will I. We may end up with a dogfight, who knows.

