

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

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE (-12)**



**Q. Tough last hole, but it was a tough day. Great playing.**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** I suppose when you add it up over 18 holes and if you gave me 67 at the start of the day, I'd take it, right? Yes, a difficult shot. I didn't -- actually on the last tee (inaudible) surprised I could (inaudible) any hole, you know, but we're doing OK. It's nice to realize that you can still (inaudible) at 62.

This is the beauty of the game of golf, isn't it, that age is just a number in the game of golf. If it was any other sport, you would be well gone by now. So to compete with the guys at 50 who hits it a lot further than I do, I've got to still do my green work as well as I did over the last three days tomorrow and obviously putt as well as I have, then you never know. Get off to a good start as I did today, a couple under after two and we'll see what happens.

Yeah, length is a hell of an asset. There's never a golf course that isn't suited to longer hitters ever, but at the same time I'm proud of what we've achieved so far.

**Q. You may be paired with Stewart Cink tomorrow, we don't know yet, but he's got that length that you're talking about.**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** He has indeed, and if Stewart doesn't win all five majors this year, I'll be quite surprised. He's won the first one, he's favorite again.

Yeah, I'll be miles behind him off the tee, but at the same time, you know, always remember what we used to say, Harrington and I when we were about to play Woods and Mickelson, right, in the Ryder Cup in 2004. Never forget. And Bernhard Langer came to us and he says, how are you going to beat these guys, Woods and Mickelson? I said, well, we're not going to drive the ball longer or better than they are, their arms are better than us, certainly their short game's better and they putt better.

So OK, how are we going to beat them? He said, we'll score lower.

**Q. That's pretty simple.**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** And we did, and we did, and we did, right? And tomorrow's the same case; I've just got to score the lowest I can possibly do and then we'll see. The course is drying out, suiting me a wee bit better than it did at the start of the week, it's drying out.

We look forward to it. It's a privilege at this age to have this opportunity.



**Q. We've got Colin Montgomerie out here. Colin, you're entering into the final round tomorrow, you're 5 under on the day. What did you like most about your playing today?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** I've holed out well. We all know, we all know if you hole out well, you've got half a chance. So I've been putting well. I putted well last week and I've putted well this week. If I can just hole out tomorrow the way I have been doing, meaning that eight-footers, the seven-footers for pars, the eight-footers for birdie, whatever it may be, you can stay in there.

It will be very difficult against Stewart Cink, who's playing a par 66 golf course against us. My par is 74, his is 66. So we'll see how we go, but I look forward to the challenge tomorrow.

**Q. How pleased are you right now?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** I parked next to Rocco Mediate, M and M, you see, and we were having a chat this morning, and we said if one of us goes 67, we'll be proud of ourselves. And one of us is, so I am very, yes.

**Q. What will you draw on tomorrow, first time in the final group in about five years?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** It is, I know. You just draw on everything that you've learnt over the years. One shot at a time and take your time over what you're doing and see what's what.

At the same time, it's going to be a hell of a job on our hands, but at the same time, if we get off to a decent start and there's some holes that we can still get to and I look forward to it and we'll see. Yeah, big challenge tomorrow, but as I say, look forward to it.

