

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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STEWART CINK (-12)



Q. Stewart, bogey-free 64 to get to 12 under. Just tell us about your round.

STEWART CINK: Well, it actually, if you stopped me after about No. 5 and said, hey, what are the chances you're going to shoot 64 today, I would have probably said you were crazy because nothing was happening at all. I made a really good par save on the third hole, which is a tough par 4. I made a sloppy par on the first hole, which is an easy par 5. I just wasn't -- nothing was happening.

But then amazing how your momentum can flip with just one, really one putt, and a good putt on 6 from about 15 feet went in the center. It was kind of just the lid was off.

Q. Do you consider yourself a patient person?

STEWART CINK: Yes. I've learned playing golf that the opposite of patience in golf is trying to make the results happen, because that's really what we want and it just doesn't work. Even when the results aren't there, I have definitely learned that the best way to go about that is to maintain your patience and just wait it out.

Occasionally we make little tweaks here and there on the golf course, but it's too late to make real significant changes when things aren't going your way. You've just got to wait it out, keep doing your same things.

Q. Would you say you were maybe overpowering this course today?

STEWART CINK: I don't think so. I mean, if you hit good drives, you're going to reach the par 5s out here with shorter clubs, irons, middle irons.

It's not like I'm the only one. If you hit good drives, you get rewarded so you can kind of overpower the par 5s in a way, I guess. There was a couple holes where I chose to hit it a little bit further off the tee just because where the hole location was. Like 7 I hit a drive way out there and had just 75 yards to the hole, made birdie. But then there's also a couple holes where I laid back and just kind of whiffed off the tee and had probably the longest in the field to the hole on 16 today.

I wouldn't say overpowering because the course is giving up a bit of roll and players can hit it pretty far and everybody's got some short clubs in.

Q. How big was that two-putt on 17 and how hard was that?

STEWART CINK: Yeah, that was a really big moment because you don't want to throw away a shot -- it wasn't a horrible shot off the tee, just a little bit of a cut that didn't really cut and it just ended up down where it did. To get that ball close and -- close enough where the next putt was really makeable was a good way to just kind of keep the momentum going and keep the mindset in the right place.

Q. How far were those two putts?

STEWART CINK: On 17?

Q. Yeah.

STEWART CINK: The first one was probably from about, I don't know, 75, 80 feet. I'm just guessing.

Q. Yeah.

STEWART CINK: But the biggest part of the putt was not the distance but it was the massive uphill and then massive downhill. You had to get the speed right and I did that, got it right, got up there about five feet. Really good putt on the next one too just to kind of cap off a nice par there.

Q. Barring something big on the last hole here, you'll probably have the lead by yourself tomorrow. What's your mindset with the solo lead?

STEWART CINK: Oh, I don't know. I mean, it's not really a different mindset than you have any other time playing in tournament golf. You kind of adjust your mindset with about three holes to play, that's when you start thinking about different things.

As far as being in the lead or behind, you really just kind of play the same golf when you have 18 entire holes to go. There's going to be a lot of birdies made tomorrow and you don't ever know what's going to happen.

So stick to the game plan, be disciplined and be patient, and trust what I'm doing is good enough.