ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES March 10, 2024



STEWART CINK (-9)

Q. Did you feel something on each of those misses right? Was there something you were noticing?

STEWART CINK: No, it wasn't really I think the misses right were more of like a symptom of -- go back to the seventh hole and I can pinpoint -- one of the things I pride myself on is never hitting a shot when I'm not ready to go. If I feel any doubts or, you know, something's not comfortable, then I'm disciplined.

On the seventh hole I felt the wind change when I was over the ball and I had just hit it and I didn't stop even though I kind of had some doubt. I don't know why I let that blind side me. I hit a poor shot, ended up making bogey there.

It's not the end of the world, but that kind of blindsided me and I just wasn't myself the rest of the day. It was just a -- it was kind of a gut punch out there. I really wanted to win this tournament really bad and I was playing great and I just kind of fell apart, hit a bunch of poor shots. And Joe was solid all day like he always is.

Q. We always see the pros have been able to kind of shake off bad shots and move onto the next, but when those start to snowball, does it creep in your head?

STEWART CINK: Of course it does. I mean, that's one of the reasons that the pros are the pros is because more often than not we're able to shake off those bad ones. Today I just didn't. I'm usually really good at that and I just, I didn't.

I just hit some -- I rebounded somewhat, did it on the second shot on 13 that went to the right, the short iron (inaudible) down in the ditch that ended up with a triple bogey. That was obviously like a dagger, a big score. I compounded my error there. Then just right and right and just kind of lost my -- I've got some new things going in my golf swing and it was just sort of like a one-two punch, the daggers and then like the difficulty trusting the new stuff and it just, you know, it's part of golf and it sucks.

Q. Any comments about Joe Durant getting back in the winner's circle after three years?

STEWART CINK: Yeah. Joe is one of my best friends for a long, long time. There's a lot of guys out here I like, but if I had to pick one guy that I had to lose to -- I know I lost to more than just Joe, but I would pick Joe Durant because he is awesome. I was tickled just to be able to play with him in the final round. Obviously I would've rather have played great and celebrated with him in a different way, but we're still going to celebrate tonight.

Q. How do you reflect on the 13th hole when you were -- you missed right on the green?

STEWART CINK: I think in practice that hole -- practice in the pro-ams, it's easy to miss left on that hole. You wonder where I'm going with this explanation. It's easy to miss left on that hole and that pin was really far left, so left was really bad.

I think in my mind I just had a little bit of protection against the left there in the swing and the ball just kind of got going a little right, and there was some wind already left to right that we planned for, but obviously you can't miss it right, either. It's a pretty tight shot, but it was a pitching wedge, so I was going almost dead at it. I had a good target, I had a good mindset on the shot and just the execution was bad. Then it led to execution being bad on the next shot and then not that great a chip, and then to miss a nine-footer, that's how you make a triple bogey from the fairway.