

**Stewart Cink**  
**Round 3 Interview Transcript**  
**-11 (wins in first playoff hole**  
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**Question:** You did it in style, making birdie on a tough 18th hole. It's not easy to win out here; that is — that is for sure. You had your chances. Did win at Ally last year; you had winning chances. How did those experiences get you through today?

**Stewart Cink Answer:**

*You know, every experience coming down the stretch in professional golf is like case one of one. So I wish I could say that I just, like, learned so much about being in the hunt and, you know, failures and successes. But I can't say that, because every time it feels like a new animal.*

*So today was a blast. Me and Chris Jones, my caddie, had a good thing going, as we always do. But I executed pretty well, for the most part. And when I didn't, I fought really hard. And I was really proud of the way I just hung in there all the way through the, you know, 55th hole.*

**Question:** Any adjustments made through the day?

**Stewart Cink Answer:**

*No adjustments. I've been playing fairly solidly, and I just think it was all about just trusting all the way through the finish line. You know, golf is just not easy. But I have a blast out there, you know, fighting, falling back. Sometimes it feels like feast or famine, but it's a — it's a great game. I love it.*

**Question:** Goals for the rest of the year?

**Stewart Cink Answer:**

*Yeah. More of these. Yeah. Just being in the hunt and winning on PGA Tour Champions is a real blast. And I feel blessed and fortunate to be able to do it against some classy characters. So I'm planning to play a full schedule and continue to rack up wins.*

**Question:** Talk about your birdie at 17.

**Stewart Cink Answer:**

*Oh, yeah. I hit a good ball off the tee. You know that shot's very tee-ball centric, and the hole is very tee-ball centric. So put it in a good spot. And then I did yank my second shot just a little trying to be maybe a little too aggressive there but ended up in a pretty good place. And I actually felt like that ball was very makeable, you know, relative to the 20 or so feet it was from the hole. It just had a look about it. And I kind of rehearsed a little bit of fist pump there, admittedly, and kind of like went through it in my head before. And when the ball got in the hole, I'm like, "I'm doing the fist pump!" And so I kind of let something out that you don't see much out of Stewart Cink.*

**Question:** Good up-and-down at 18 as well?

**Stewart Cink Answer:**

*Yeah, good up-and-down. I should have backed off the second shot. I felt a gust of wind at my back, left-to-right wind. And, of course, what does a golfer's brain do? Sends it way left when you got water out to*

*the right and up against the grandstands. But was able to take a drop and — yeah, that — that chip was one I'll file in memory banks. It was a tight lie, and there was some wet stuff behind it and — but I hit it exactly like I needed to and just kind of there, you know, tap-in range and got us — got us in the playoff.*

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