

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**July 16, 2021**



**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR. (-5)**

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**Q. Seemed like you had a lot of highs and lows today. How would you describe your round?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** Yeah, that was a rollercoaster. Just got off to a rough start, hit the wrong shots at the right time. Wasn't that bad of swings, maybe one was, but hit it the wrong place at the wrong time and then kind of had a big hill to climb. Got close. I haven't looked at the leaderboard, but I think it's looking like 5, but who knows, stranger things have happened, so we'll see.

**Q. What happened on 11? Someone said you had a lost ball there on the par 5?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** Yeah, I had a lost ball on 11. Just second shot out of the rough didn't fly and just went into the heather a little short left. I played well. I knew I was playing well. I shot myself in the foot just really big. Happens, I guess.

**Q. You had a blazing start yesterday, correct?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** Yeah.

**Q. What was working and what goes through your mind when you're off to a start like that?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** I was just trying to play golf. I'm playing really well, I just didn't score very well. You just can't take three doubles and try to make the cut, let alone -- it's good things to take away from it, but just can't make three doubles.

**Q. Yesterday with the two weather delays and of course the darkness suspension, did that kind of throw you off at all?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** I would think it hurt a little bit during the round yesterday, but, I mean, playing 20 holes isn't that big a deal. I've played golf a long time and had a lot of rain delays, so it's not really a thing. I mean, maybe killed a little momentum on the first one, but it happens.

**Q. What happened there on 18 this morning? Did you hit it in the water?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** I hit it up against the water. If I was right handed I would have been able to play it, but since I was left handed I had to get in the water and just chipped it out.

**Q. Take your shoes off?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** Yeah, I did, got in the water. But the ball was fine, so I just pitched it out and missed the green with my third and didn't get up and down for bogey.

**Q. Do you just keep your fingers crossed now hoping it doesn't go to 5?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** Yeah, I'm not even going to look at it. In my head, it's 5. We'll see what happens. If not, then just move on.

**Q. How would you feel normally to make the cut? What big of a deal would it be as opposed to now after the doubles to make the cut?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** I don't even -- it was such a rollercoaster. I played good enough golf to be right there in the lead. I mean, I made plenty of birdies, just way too many mistakes. I don't know what to take from it.

**Q. (Inaudible) the projected cut is minus 3?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** No. I mean, I don't know what place -- again, I haven't looked at the leaderboard, but I've got to say that it's going to be close. We'll see. I don't want to look at it. We're going to go get some food and worry about it later.

**Q. Golf can have some ups and downs. Is your game typically having ups and downs, or how strange was this?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** It's pretty strange. If it wasn't for a four-hole stretch, I'm 14 under par right now. Maybe not -- 10 under par at least. I was 8, 9 over in that four-hole stretch. I don't know how to explain it, it was just one of those days, just happens.

**Q. I wondered if your father was here watching?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** Yeah.

**Q. I wondered if he was advising in any way or anything like that?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** Oh, no. He's pacing up and down a bit, I see him. No, it's just me, me and my caddie out there. We had a good thing, it's just a rough start in the morning. Other than that, I did pretty good.

**Q. If you're fortunate enough to make the weekend, what's next?**

**STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR.:** Probably go up to -- I'm flying up to do the Monday qualifier in Minneapolis, try to play the 3M. Just on to the next week, see what happens.