

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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STEVEN ALKER (-10)

Q. Just want to start by, can you just tell us about your round today?

STEVEN ALKER: It was kind of -- I kept my nose clean. I haven't had a bogey in 36 holes, that's nice. Just kind of stress-free golf, lots of fairways and greens. I got off to kind of a slow start, just parred through 5, but went on a roll with four in a row and started making some putts 6 through 9. Then just kind of plodded away on the back nine, just picked up one here and there. It was nice, just a stress-free round of golf really.

Q. So you Monday qualified into Boeing, is that right, and got a top-10 there?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah.

Q. Can you talk about that journey from that Monday till now?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, basically the plan was I've been playing Korn Ferry Tour, so I just decided to come out and start qualifying as soon as I could, just get going, get a feel for it. Then, yeah, I played nicely in the qualifying, I shot 4 under and got a spot. I had a nice round, I think I had 4 under the back nine last week, so I played really nice coming in. I just kind of kept the game going, so it's been good.

Q. How much have you been playing on the Korn Ferry Tour?

STEVEN ALKER: Pretty full season. I was exempt there, so I had a full season. I didn't play every week, getting old obviously, so I just kind of planned my schedule and kind of if I have to go to Tour school, that's kind of the plan, just focus on that.

Q. And have you played in competition here before?

STEVEN ALKER: I want to -- this is embarrassing, I want to say 18 years ago, I think 2003 I played the Buick here when I played the PGA TOUR. It's been a while, but I remember holes, it's kind of coming back to me. I'm still probably getting used to the greens, but it's been fun.

Q. Did you have any specific memories from 2003 that as you were walking around you were like, oh, I remember that from last time?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I think 17 and 18, 9, 8, the stands and crowds. I think the year I played, too, Tiger was in the field, so it was kind of crazy.

Q. And what's it going to take tomorrow to keep this going?

STEVEN ALKER: Well, it's soft. I can't see the course drying out that much, so just keep firing at it and giving it a lot of chances. I mean, who knows, you could go low and be 15, 16 under. Yeah, I'm just pleased with the way I'm hitting and just giving myself chances. Just kind of stress-free golf, which is nice.