ROUND 3 INTERVIEW April 3, 2022

STEVEN ALKER (-18)



Q. Steven, a six-shot win. What was it about this week and this golf course?

STEVEN ALKER: You know, it's hard to work out the formula, to be honest, but I felt my game was pretty good coming in. I got off to a little bit of a slow start, but yesterday was amazing. I just turned my putting around and it clicked and I started hitting the ball better. It always nice when the week just gets better and better. It got really better quick, so it was great. Glad to be champion.

Q. Ended it with a mic drop at the end. Can you talk about that a little bit?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I'm not sure where that comes from, to be honest. Yeah, just a little different. You know, nice to get the one on the last, too. Just nice to go bogey free because you know guys are going to catch you. If you don't make any bogeys and throw a few birdies in there, they're going to come and catch you, so I was real proud of the way I played, especially today in the heat.

Q. You kind of really separated yourself on the back nine again today. What is it about the back nine yesterday and today, just kind of started feeling it?

STEVEN ALKER: All week. I had a nice run, I think I birdied 10 and 11 on Friday as well and didn't finish it off. Yeah, I just, I don't know. I guess I kind of got through -- the front nine there's a couple holes you've got to be careful of and I just kind of freed it up on the back and it worked out nicely.

Q. And what does today mean to you? What does this win mean?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it's huge, number two. I got one and it's like, okay, how long is it going to be, you know. Just keep working at it. So it's happened pretty quick and, as I said, my game just got better as the week went on. And putting was great and everything here was great, just kind of fit my eye, a lot of tee shots fit my eye. So as I said, worked out well.

Q. I know you're not necessarily out to prove anything or a point to the other guys, but when you have these sort of finishes and consistently play so well, is it nice to sort of continue to showcase your game to the rest of these guys?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, for sure. You know, I was a little bit scrappy on Friday playing with Padraig, and he played great, so I knew I had some catching up to do. I just freed it up on Saturday and let it go. That's the great thing, I'm so relaxed out here. I'm just kind of focusing on me, hitting nice shots and enjoying the company of the guys, because it's nice

and relaxed and just enjoying playing my game.

Q. I know we've asked you this a lot before, but like if you go back like a year, can you like explain how sort of life and golf have changed in the last year?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it's funny. I think the atmosphere change has been huge for me. Just enjoying my golf more and my game's come around at the right time. A lot of work has been put in and I just kept playing and plugging away on the Korn Ferry, so lots owed to them. Just keeping my game in shape, stayed fit and enjoy being out here, that's the big thing.