# ROUND 3 INTERVIEW July 9, 2022



### **ALEX CEJKA (-9)**

## Q. Birdies on four of your last five holes, how did that feel?

**ALEX CEJKA:** Oh, it's great to finish strong. I played pretty good all day long, but had a terrible start, made two stupid bogeys. Had a lot of good chances, couldn't make a putt with great shots. It's frustrating. You know, you're playing well, the others are making birdies and you're dropping down the leaderboard and you're hitting good shots. So I really hit some really great iron shots and made some good putts down the stretch. I'm pretty happy with the position I'm at. We'll see what happens tomorrow.

# Q. What clicked? You said you turned it around on the back. What was it that --

**ALEX CEJKA:** I made a great putt on -- I hit a birdie putt on 12 from the par 3. I really hit it by four and a half feet and made that putt and that gave me confidence. I'm playing great golf and I'm 2 over par again. So I made it and then that gave me the confidence for the next couple holes on the greens and I make a putt.

#### Q. Was that one --

**ALEX CEJKA:** I just kept the momentum with that particular putt. First one wasn't good. If I miss it and you make four stupid bogeys with really great, great playing, that's really frustrating, but I think that was the putt that kept me going on 12 for the next couple greens.

## Q. What is it about this place that you like?

**ALEX CEJKA:** I'm staying across the street, first of all. I'm fishing all afternoon or early evening, so I love it. It reminds me a little bit of a German golf course with the trees. It's not a Florida track where you have water, you see like every hole left and right. This is up and down, tough holes. You've got to really play with your brain a little bit and execute also the shots. You need a good strategy and execute your shots and that's what I've been doing. Just a couple bad shots, but everybody makes bad shots. You've got to make great recoveries and so far it's been great and I'm really excited for tomorrow's round.

#### Q. Has the local caddie helped?

**ALEX CEJKA:** Yeah, especially on the greens. A couple times on the read, the breaks and because he's been here over and over and knows the breaks, most of the time he tells me to play a little bit more, so that's definitely a bonus.