

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**STEVEN ALKER**



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**Q. Thanks for joining us for a few minutes. Making your second start here at Ally coming off a third place finish last year. Just some thoughts on being back here at Warwick Hills.**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, I love being on the property, just the trees and the tight fairways and beautiful greens. Yeah, I just enjoy being out here and enjoy the atmosphere.

**Q. Obviously I don't need to tell you how successful your year has been, but just some comments on maybe just kind of the groove you feel like you're in and is there something you can attribute the incredible play to?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** It kind of just carried on from the end of last year. I only played 10 events and I had a good finish there in the finals. I just kept that blueprint going, I kept the momentum going and I just kept working hard on the game in the offseason, that was the big thing. Just kind of kept me in shape and got me ready for this year.

So in terms of the win, or the wins, it just kind of happens. It was just building and building. I had a nice run there for four, five weeks, so it was a nice stretch. Like to get back on that stretch, too.

**Q. What is your kind of philosophy of paying attention to the rankings at all or is it you're not even concerned of?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, I don't do that too much, to be honest. Friends and family tend to do that for me, but I just kind of focus on week by week and just doing my stuff, getting ready and try to put myself in a position to win a golf tournament. If I do that, I know we have a long way to go, the finals are double points and everything, so I might have a lead of whatever, but come those finals, that's how I made up a lot of ground last year, I finished high, very well in the finals and gained a lot of spots. Someone can come up from 10th, 15th place and win a few finals events and make a big jump.

**Q. Is there anything you can take from last year's play into this year, anything similar, or is it just kind of --**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Just kind of roll. You know, as I said, I'm not really searching for anything, it's just kind of there and just building it, make sure it's all in shape every week and ready to go. That's what's been most pleasing, just some consistency and not having to search for a game every week.

**Q. Everyone just consistently talks about the atmosphere here. What can you kind of comment about that and do you kind of echo the same sentiments?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Absolutely. The community gets behind it, 17 out there with the people and the crowds. And we're going to have some pretty good weather it looks like, so looking forward to another good week. Like I said, I just like being on the property here, it's a neat place.

**Q. Steven, have you played yet with Padraig?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, we played once and that was in Biloxi, I think it was first round. Yeah, I mean, I'm sure it's going to happen over the next few months. Yeah, I mean, it is what it is. We're just playing our golf and trying to win, that's the biggest thing. Certainly Padraig's playing great right now. He's the same, just trying to win.