

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**August 12, 2023**

**STEVEN ALKER (-9)**



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**Q. Steven, you were 1 over through six and then kind of lit it up. What switched?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, yeah. Well, I just said to myself actually on 7 tee, just try to get the gates open here and get going, and then promptly birdied 7, 8 and then just got that nice run going on the back.

Just stayed patient. You've got to be like that around here. The greens, you know, they're tricky. And the wind was, it was stronger today. So it was just a matter of staying patient and kind of worked out in the end.

**Q. When you come back to a place where your Champions Tour debut was, are there positive vibes from that that you feel?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, for sure. I don't know where the last two years have gone, crazy, but yeah, definitely. It was my first one. Played nicely and got that top-10 and got going. I just like being here, just the surroundings. They look after us great this week. It's just a good feeling to be back.

**Q. Is this weather better than Wales would you say?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yes, yes, and I stayed on for the JCB and we had a day washed out there as well, so two weeks of just horrible weather. Yep, as I said, the weather's perfect, and the scenery and Boeing are doing a great job with the tournament.

**Q. Your thoughts going into tomorrow with how you played today? People say it's hard to put two of those together.**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, it always is. It's almost like I get -- I like to just put them in the bank, it's good. There's some memories there, but what was done yesterday's done and OK, let's go again. So it's always tough. It's a mental thing.

But as I said, it's just nice to put myself in a position. I was a little bit behind yesterday and just started hitting it closer today, made a couple putts. So I can take that positive going forward. Any positive is good.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Mindset? Yeah, I think just be patient. It's that type of golf course. Even if there's no wind around here, some tricky pins and the greens are kind of tough to putt with

the slopes. So just, yeah, just stay patient and just take what I can get. On the par 5s, get after them and hopefully hit some wedges close and just try and get it done.

**Q. Kinds of great putts (indiscernible) and then you missed a short one. Just kind of forget about it?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, it wasn't a bad putt. I had my line and it just kind of jumped on me a little bit. What can you do, just put it in the bank, let's go tomorrow.