

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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STEVEN ALKER (-18)



Q. Steven, start the day with a four-shot lead, stand on the ninth hole today, Ernie Els has almost caught you. You had a one-shot lead, drove it in the bunker left over there, hit an incredible fairway bunker shot and made birdie.

How comforting was that moving into the back nine?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it was huge. You know, just trying to get my swing together a little bit, it wasn't quite there today, but the putt was huge and just kind of settled me down I hit a great tee shot on 10 and kind of felt good after that. I made it exciting here at 18, but that wasn't the plan, I tell you.

Q. Laying up there, did you ever think, you had that one-shot lead, Lanny and I were talking, I thought you should probably lay it up as well. Did you ever think about going for it and taking any guesswork out at all with that second shot on 18?

STEVEN ALKER: Troy and I talked about it straight away, he just gave me the percentages. He says you lay up to 100, 75 percent of the time you're going to make four. That was the plan, yeah. It never really entered my mind. It was a perfect 5-iron, but I didn't need to, yeah.

Q. It's always very difficult to win on the PGA TOUR Champions, but you look back at the year right now, you've been through some ups and downs, a terrific year, you get the win here at the final tournament of the year. What does this do for Steven Alker as a player and as a person?

STEVEN ALKER: It's another win, that's the first thing and that's huge. To beat these guys, it's hard to win out here. To get another one, stuck on six for a while, but to get another one is great. It means a lot obviously with family and friends here.

And Troy, after Sam passed, he's been a stud, he's been a stud. I'm glad I got a flag for him today, it was huge.

Q. Speaking of Sam, he was there for a lot of those wins and I know he means a lot to you. As you reflect back on that, I'm sure that probably had an influence as you were walking up here and also at the start of the week playing a little bit for Sam there?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, absolutely. You know, you see the signs around and people talking "go Sam" and "go Astros," we heard a lot of that this week. Yeah, he was here somewhere. Hi to all the family out in Houston out there. Yeah, great to get this one.



Q. You've become that player now that has put himself in elite status on the PGA TOUR Champions. You look back maybe three years ago and where you're at right now, you've really come full circle and now becoming one of the dominant players here on the PGA TOUR Champions. In your wildest dream, could you imagine where you're at right now?

STEVEN ALKER: No, another multiple win season. I didn't get it done this year. Stricker had an amazing year, he was phenomenal, so we were chasing him all year. But to get second after going first last year, that means a lot just to keep the consistency. And I get a couple of wins, it's nice. The guys are just getting better out here and just pushing harder, so you've just got to try a little bit better every year.

