

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES

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STEVEN ALKER (-10, lost playoff)



Q. Steven, not the outcome you wanted but just some overall thoughts on the week and today's battle?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I had a chance to win the golf tournament. It was some sloppy golf in the middle, I had to kind of mentally battle through some missed fairways and some sloppy golf in the middle, but I was really proud of how I kind of come down the stretch. I hit the last like five fairways or something and five greens and just gave myself chances. Yeah, I'm proud of that.

Miguel, the way he finished, he just did Miguel things again, you know what I mean? So kudos to him.

Q. Did Miguel's birdies on 17 and 18 do anything to you mentally?

STEVEN ALKER: Well, you know, he made the plays. I hit a great putt on 17, I thought I made the putt on 17 in regulation and that would have given me just that little two-shot cushion. Yeah, he made the plays coming down the stretch. You look back and you go jeez, a bogey here or there, you know what I mean? I think Firestone got me. I think I had two bogeys every day. Just can't do that around here.

Q. You talked, Steven, about the mental aspect in the middle of the round, trying to just find that swing, find that momentum. Just what is it like in that moment? What are you trying to reinforce to keep that positivity?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I just had to slow things down. Things sped up pretty quickly, started missing fairways. Luckily I made some good putts. I putted great today. Just for me I just had to slow things down and try and get back in the swing. As I said, I hit some nice shots coming in.

Q. What did you see on the chip shot on the first playoff hole?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it was a tough one. I don't want it back that's for sure. I couldn't actually see it go over the hill so I don't know how far away it was. Yeah, that was a nice one there, just gave myself a chance. It would be nice to hit it in the fairway there again. But Miguel made the plays.

Q. Looked like you cracked a smile after this last approach shot. Can you take us through that shot and your reaction to it?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, when I had a shot through there I could get it on the green, I didn't realize coming out that good and where it finished. Yeah, I was really pleased with the result from where I was hitting from.

Q. What did you hit from back there?

STEVEN ALKER: I just chipped with a 6-iron. I think I had like 180 yards. All I could do was just kind of run it up there, you know? It was a little bit of a hit-and-hope, but I hit a beautiful shot, just kind of perfect how I saw it.

