

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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STEPHEN STALLINGS, JR. (E)



Q. All right, Steven, open with even par 70, how would you assess your round?

STEVEN STALLINGS, JR.: I played pretty solid, I just didn't have any putts fall. Other than that, I'm pretty happy. Got really hard out there, that back nine was playing brutal. Like just being able to hold the green was almost impossible.

Q. Were there any specific instances today where local knowledge helped you, whether it was reading putts or other stuff that you can think of?

STEVEN STALLINGS, JR.: I mean, throughout the round maybe not. I mean, 17 definitely. I was dead in the bunker and if I would have went at the pin I would have probably gone over the green and then 6 is in play going there. So I just took my medicine, put it out to 15 feet and made the putt. So it was kind of nice, but that definitely helped me there.

Q. And how was the fan support for you today?

STEVEN STALLINGS, JR.: Oh, it was awesome, there's a lot of people out there. We had all three Kentucky guys kind of back to back, I was with one and then two. It was awesome, the energy was great, and I'm looking forward to the next three days.

Q. What's your mindset going into tomorrow?

STEVEN STALLINGS, JR.: After that it's just fairways and greens, man. If you get out of play, you just can't play this golf course. Just get ready for the grind.

