

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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ALEX CEJKA (-6)

Q. Alex, great round today, nice little finish with the birdie on 18 there to get you to 6 under. Just assess your round and what was working.

ALEX CEJKA: A lot of things were working. I hit a lot of fairways, gave myself a lot of opportunities. We were fighting out there. I mean, we had a great day. He hit a great shot, I hit a great shot, he made the putt, I made on top of it. It gave us a smile every time we kind of tied the hole. So it would have been a great match play situation today. We had fun. We like to play together and we always seem to play good together, so it was a good start to the tournament.

Q. Obviously you can't win it on the first day but it has to be a great confidence boost heading into the weekend atop the leaderboard.

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, as you said, you can't win it but you can lose it basically on day one. I've been playing good the last couple weeks, maybe even months, but just didn't make a lot of putts. But I gave myself a lot of chances. Today I made a couple good putts.

I switched putters, switched technique a little bit, so it's working. The question is for how long is it going to work. But I feel good. I always played well here when I played. You know, two more rounds, let's keep it together and hopefully be in contention tomorrow at least.

Q. So going forward, as you said, the putting is kind of what you were focusing on today. Is that something you're going to look forward to on the weekend?

ALEX CEJKA: Not only today, I've been focusing on it for a while but it takes time to like click. I changed putters a couple weeks ago. It's starting to get better and better each week. Then at the Senior U.S. Open I didn't really putt as well as I thought the progress was going to go, but you keep practicing, you keep hoping, you keep trying to improve.

Today I hit really good putts and they went in. Sometimes you can hit a good putt and it doesn't go in. But good greens, the course is in great shape, the greens are great. Again, it's a great start and hopefully I can continue the good form.

