

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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STEVEN STALLINGS, JR. (+1)



Q. Steven, tough finish on the last hole there, bogey on the par-3 9th. What was the deal with the tee shot, were you just a little pumped up? Did you read the wind wrong?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: I was just dead in between clubs and then I probably, trying to take some off I just juiced it and flew too far.

Q. And kind of finishing at 1 over now, do you feel like you've got to ride the cutline a little bit all afternoon?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: Yeah, unfortunately I'm going to have to look at my phone a lot I guess. We had the same thing happen yesterday. That golf course got so hard yesterday, I can't imagine it not. I haven't looked at the leaderboard, but I saw 6 and 7, I feel pretty good about that.

Q. So you feel pretty confident that it's going to get a little more difficult?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: Yeah, I would think so, unless they over watered it last night but from what I heard they didn't do that so I think it's going to be good.

Q. Did you notice a difference between yesterday afternoon, this morning kind of with your tee times and everything like that?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: Oh, it was massive. Like yesterday like you were just praying you didn't leave yourself a three-footer because the greens were just totally chewed up and crusty. I mean, it was good golf yesterday and it was -- today you had some moisture on the greens, you could definitely get after it if you were hitting good shots.

Q. Steven, how do you feel like the course played compared to how you recall it playing over the years?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: That's not the same golf course. I mean, that golf course played hard. I mean, you don't see over par cuts on the PGA TOUR, especially for a 7,000-yard golf course. I mean, that golf course held its own.

And to be honest with you, a lot of people were questioning if it was a PGA TOUR-caliber golf course and I can tell you what right now, it's beyond. Hopefully like future designs, I mean they start looking at designs like this, small greens matters and it causes players to make bogeys. It would be a good thing maybe.



Q. Was it also as much just the firm and fast or was it the rough or combination of things?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: It was everything. If you weren't in the fairway, you couldn't hit a green, you're looking where can I get up and down. Just holding greens, like the par 3s are just absolutely brutal, you're kind of praying to hit the green.

Q. What was the overall experience like just the last few days?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: It was awesome, man, to have all that much support. I just hope I can do it for two more days.

Q. How was it being paired with Brendan Doyle out there?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: It's awesome. We were playing golf longer with his grandpa who's the head pro there back when we were in middle school. It's kind of crazy that we're in this spot, so it was pretty cool.

Q. Sorry to beat this drum, but can you kind of explain to people at home what it's like finishing the way you have and being on that number sort of floating around as opposed to maybe being two shots better and knowing that it's a secure spot for you on the weekend?

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: Well, I mean, I think you're never safe on this golf course, I think that's the thing. But I've been in this spot before, kind of just keep going. You couldn't really get after the golf course, you kind of had to let it just happen. There's some heat especially on the last hole, but you just knew you've got to take what the golf course gives you this week.

Q. Can you compare like the two different situations I just described, like being in one, I know you've probably been in the other --

STEVEN STALLINGS JR.: Yeah, because at that point you're thinking about the lead and trying to get it. When you're on the cutline, you're like, well, I need to make 3 to at least have a chance to play the weekend, so if I go and make 5 or whatever, I don't have two more days so it's a little bit different with that.

