

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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ALEX CEJKA



Q. Describe that round for us.

ALEX CEJKA: I'm pretty pleased overall. I hit the ball pretty solid. I hit a lot of fairways. That's the key here, especially some of the pins are tucked so you want to come in from the fairway. Really hit good shots even to the green. If I missed a couple shots, I missed it in the right spot, and there was also the key. The putting, the lag putting was good. I made a couple good birdie putts, and overall, I'm just starting to play better and better. I've just got to keep knocking at the door and give yourself chances to play good on Sundays.

Q. You've had a lot of good finishes this season but haven't got that win, and it's been a couple years since you've won. How cool would it be to get across the line tomorrow?

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, I'm trying. We have so many great players, and they seem to play good every week. If I want to have a chance, I really have to shoot another 4-, 5-, 6-under tomorrow. I think this is what it's going to take. It would be great. As you said, it's been a couple years. I've been playing well. Just haven't had it done. We'll see. I've got to just stick to my plan, play, hit a lot of fairways, and hopefully I make enough putts tomorrow.

Q. Three birdies in a row on the back nine. Was that the highlight for you today?

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, that's the highlight every week if you make two or three in a row. I gave myself great chances, and that's the key. You've got to execute. The putting was pretty poorly in the summer, early summer. I gave myself a lot of chances. I played well but just didn't putt well. You make one, two, three putts less a round, in the end you're first, second, third instead of 20th. It's the key. We all hit the ball well. If we putt well, we're able to shoot 5-, 6-under on courses like this. We'll see what happens tomorrow.

Q. You said you were starting to play better. Is it because you're healthier?

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, I'm healthier. I'm grinding more. Some of the players raise the bar here on this tour, so you can't just put six of us grinding. You've got to put seven and a half hours grinding. That's what it takes. Nobody sits on the couch here. They all grind. They all play well. We have great players, and you can see it's tough to win out here.

Q. 8-under holes 10 through 18. How have you found success there?

ALEX CEJKA: On the back nine, yeah, for some reason I score better on the back nine. That's kind of my MO. They all call me back nine king. I like to play good on the back nine, so hopefully that's going to be the case tomorrow if I have a chance to win, and hopefully I can have a strong back nine.

Q. Talk about how big an impact Bernhard Langer has had on your career.



ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, huge. Back then he was the only great player, the only guy who played professional golf, the only guy who was also shown on TV. There was no other coverage. I was lucky that he was playing a couple times close to my home, so I skipped school and I went to see him play, and that turned into a love for the game, and I decided one day I want to be exactly like -- or playing like him, on Tour, traveling the world, playing great golf. He's been really big in my life.

Q. Compare and contrast this to your Frankfurt course.

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, it's pretty close. I grew up -- Germany is totally different from north, south, middle. Frankfurt, I'm in the middle of the country. My golf course looks quite like this, a lot of trees, a lot of -- we have good weather like this in summer but only for a short period. But I grew up on a tight golf course, a lot of trees, and maybe that's why I'm a good ball striker or normally a good ball striker, because we had to just hit it straight all the time.