

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES October 4, 2025



ALEX CEJKA (-6)

Q. What were your expectations for the Champions Tour, and given that you won a couple of the big ones, have you exceeded them?

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, nobody knows what's coming when you turn 50, you don't know how good the guys are. But I kept playing till I was 50. I played a little bit Korn Ferry Tour, tried to play as much as possible so when I turned 50 I was still in a flow. I didn't have five years off, 10 years off where you can lose a little bit. Not the playing, but you know what I mean, to play under the gun.

So I had a pretty good start in my career. Obviously winning a couple, three big ones, that was great. I feel very comfortable here, the guys are great. It's still really, really challenging. The guys are playing incredible golf.

And you can't just sit on the couch and do nothing and expect to come out and shoot 5, 6, 7, 8 under par, which is most of the time needed like on our tour.

So I just got to keep grinding like everybody else and trying to make -- give myself good chances. I finished a couple times second to last a couple years, I think three, four, five times. So it's a little bit, you know, it's disappointing, but as I said earlier, there's so many great guys to beat. So even a top-5 finish on our tour is really, really good playing.

Q. You had a pretty steady year, you're about where you usually are in the Schwab Cup, in the 10th -- around 10th. What's -- I know you haven't won for a couple years, but right now what's going well for you? What are you doing well?

ALEX CEJKA: Kind of ball-striking, the ball-striking has been good. The putting is getting a little bit better. I'm just fighting injuries like everybody else out here. So you really can't cry out here, everybody has some kind of issues.

Like last year I was out in the summer for like nine or 10 tournaments in the summer, herniated disc. Recovered. I still feel it a little bit. I'm really not 100 percent, so I'm still fighting it a little bit. I'm just grateful to be here and grateful to sometimes on Sundays have a chance, you know.

Q. Is it back problems?

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, back problems. Herniated disc in two spots, like in the middle and a little bit lower. But everybody has something, it's like you have a herniated disc, the other guy has whatever, plays with a broken (indiscernible,) the other one has back problems for



years. Bernhard has an Achilles and ankle. So on our Tour it's pretty common that we play injured, the question is how severely injured you are and if you can like tolerate the pain to play.

Q. When you start on that wave off of 10 like on Saturday or Sunday, do you feel freer, you're a little more relaxed, maybe not expecting a whole heck of a lot maybe?

ALEX CEJKA: Like this week?

Q. Yeah, like today.

ALEX CEJKA: No, you've got to play 18 holes no matter where you start. It doesn't really matter to me if I started on 2 or 1 or 9 or 15, it's just I've got to play all 18 holes and I've got to treat every hole with respect, got to play every hole the same way, it doesn't matter if it's 9:00 in the morning or 11:00 later, right?

So it doesn't really -- you want to start on Sundays on 1 kind of, that means you're like higher up there, but the first two days it doesn't really make any difference in my opinion.

Q. Did you make any long putts today?

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, made a couple 20-footers, which is pretty good. I had a couple -- it's tough to hit it really well in those conditions. Even the par 5s, I think I didn't birdie two par 5s. They could have been, but you know.

Q. How long was the putt on the first birdie on 10?

ALEX CEJKA: On 10? Oh, I hit it pretty close, I hit like a four-footer.

Q. That was a good start.

ALEX CEJKA: That was a good start. In the rain, too. That was a great start actually.

Q. I got you for birdie on three par 5s.

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah. I missed one on I think 6 or 5, the par 5, I hit it just short of the green and didn't make up and down. Yeah, as I said, you've got to -- we all are happy to be playing.

