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STEVEN ALKER (-20)



MODERATOR: We're now joined by 2025 Simmons Bank Championship winner Steven Alker. Seven-stroke win, wire to wire, your 10th win on PGA TOUR Champions, just how special is this one for you?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, this is special. Anytime you go wire to wire, it's great. Like those seven-shot leads coming down the last, that's a nice feeling to have. To sum up the week, I think just that start and knowing that I played well here last year in the first round, knowing that there's a score out there, I'm familiar with the golf course and I feel comfortable, that's huge when you're trying to win a golf tournament.

Q. Congratulations. Take us through 10, your yardage, what you hit, and it looked you like you did not like your shot.

STEVEN ALKER: Well, no, I thought it felt pretty good off the club face. I think I only had like 78 yards or something like that, 75 yards I think it was. But no, it felt good.

Yeah, so it felt good off the face. I knew after the bogey at 9 there were some birdie holes coming up, trying to make some birdies.

Q. What did you hit?

STEVEN ALKER: Just a lob wedge, 63.

Q. Steven, what makes this event special? I think it was last year the players on the Champions Tour rated this No. 1, their favorite tournament. What makes this place special for you guys?

STEVEN ALKER: Well, everything. The hospitality here at Pleasant Valley, the golf course we're playing. I mean, this is definitely worthy of a playoff event. I mean, we're just so well looked after. Everybody from as soon as we hit the golf club to the functions afterwards, everybody's done an amazing job.

Q. You obviously had a really good performance today. Since you've been on Champions Tour you've kind of been dominant, you've been Player of the Year, but before you got on Champions Tour you were kind of up and down. What kind of explains your success the last few years?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I mean, there's no secret sauce if you like. I think the biggest thing for me was that I just kept playing. At age 48 to 50 I was playing with the young guys on the

Korn Ferry Tour and that kept me competitive, kept me working out, kept me strong, kept me driving forward, just persevered. That was huge. Then get out here and just to feel like the transition from Korn Ferry to here was pretty easy it felt like. Just felt like bring my game, I felt like I had some game to show and yeah, it's all come out.

Q. How good does it feel to be able to put three rounds together like you did, just to continue that consistency especially with the season kind of winding down?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, yesterday was the big day. You know, following up a 61 with a 6-under 66, I didn't lose any ground to the field yesterday, which was huge. So to have that five-shot cushion going into today was massive.

Q. Last year you set a course record with 62. This year you broke your own record, set another course record, set three or four today. What is it about Pleasant Valley that has been so good to you?

STEVEN ALKER: A lot of tee shots actually kind of fit my eye. You don't have to hit driver everywhere, so there's a lot of 3-woods, even 5-woods, just placement golf. I'm kind of pretty efficient hitting the ball in the fairway and going from there. Obviously my iron game was great, sets up well for good iron play, and the greens are so good here that it's easier if you get the putter going.

Q. (Inaudible) to win the tournament but obviously to win at the playoff so close to the playoffs being over, how big is it for you to win this one to be back at No. 1 in the standings?

STEVEN ALKER: I'll take any of the playoff events. To win one is huge, it doesn't matter which one. Obviously this one's worked out well for me. I didn't play great last week, I'm trying to survive last week and bring some game here. To win is huge going into Phoenix. Still a bunch of guys who can win it, so still got to be aggressive and keep playing hard in a couple weeks.

Q. Have you tried lifting up that trophy yet?

STEVEN ALKER: I have not. I'm not going to do it one armed. Maybe two hands maybe.

MODERATOR: Thank you, Steven.