

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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STEVEN ALKER (-15, won 1st playoff hole)

Q. We have defending champion and now 2026 champion of the Cologuard Classic, Steven Alker.

Steven, congratulations. Your 100th start on PGA TOUR Champions and a second playoff victory here in Tucson. Take us through today.

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it's great. It kind of feels like deja vu, to be honest, the way it played out. Yeah, happy to have a chance to win the golf tournament and ultimately it all worked out. 100th start, really special. I had no idea. It's just gone so quickly, I'm having so much fun out here. To win here again is pretty special.

Q. Steven, before the tournament you said it would be cool to see two helmets next to each other. What does it mean to you to be able to add one right next to the first one?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, super special. As I said, this tournament means more. Winning the helmet, winning the golf tournament's about the cause and what they're doing here.

To have two is nice. I mean, my wife and I have got one now. I have two kids, so have to try and get another couple, so work on that later. Yeah, it's super special, really is.

Q. I heard on the TV broadcast you had a conversation with your wife after the first round. What was that conversation like?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, the honest is truth is we were out at dinner, there was like seven of us out at dinner. We were talking about I'm 9 behind, what do we need to do to get back in the golf tournament. They were throwing numbers around, 65s, 66s, 64s. My wife says, well, you haven't had a 62 for a while. Just kind of, you know, coincidence really. It worked out. But that's what I needed to do kind of give myself a chance in the tournament. It worked out.

Q. What was unique about the last two rounds compared to the first one?

STEVEN ALKER: I think it was, yeah, just keeping the bogeys off the card. I just made some simple mistakes the first round. A couple three-putts and missed the odd green here and there, and it was kind of silly stuff.

I tidied that up. I knew my game was in good shape, just a matter of committing to it and giving myself a chance to shoot low scores. That was really the big difference.

Q. How many years have you been participating in this tournament? And I know you talked a little bit about what it means to be here and play and represent those families. What does it mean to represent those families that you play for?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it means a lot. As I said, just feels like you're playing for someone else. What the tournament means and what they're doing here is super special. It doesn't happen every week.

So this is my, I want to say my fifth trip. We've had a couple at Tucson National and this is my third here, I think. It's been fun. I just love coming back here and supporting Jerry. He's a great ambassador. It's just a special tournament.

Q. Going back to you finished regulation and you had to wait. Does your mind race? Are you confident? Are you despondent?

STEVEN ALKER: I'm just grateful to be in a playoff. I saw in regulation I needed that putt I thought to at least maybe get tied. I just thought, I just kind of felt I'm going to be one short. Padraig was in the fairway. Grateful, shall we say, to be in a playoff. Then it was kind of like here we go again. It worked out.

Q. Were you watching it or were you not watching it?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, yeah, a little bit. In regulation my putt didn't do much. I thought it was going to break (inaudible.)