

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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ALEX SMALLEY (-14)



Q. Alex, 65 today. I know you're not happy about the way you finished but still a quality round, if we can get some comments.

ALEX SMALLEY: Yeah, gave myself a lot of good looks for birdie today. Felt like the greens that I did miss, I hit good chips where I was close enough to make the putt for par, 18 being I guess the exception.

Yeah, I probably would have taken 5 under to start the day. These greens are just hard to putt. You can hit it close, but you can have a six-footer that breaks a foot, foot and a half. It's just difficult sometimes even if you hit a good shot to make the putt, so pretty pleased overall with the day.

Q. Just talk a little bit about being a Sedgefield member and if that's extra pressure on you and what it's like being in contention at your course.

ALEX SMALLEY: Yeah, there's a little added I guess pressure just because you have a certain expectation of how I feel like I should play the golf course. But it does play quite a bit different than it does for regular play when I'm out here on weeks off.

I'm glad we finished, there's the horn.

Yeah, it's great to have a lot of the members out here rooting for me. It's super cool to have a tournament at your home course that you play and practice at. Super lucky and grateful to have that opportunity to play in front of not just friends and family, but fellow members as well.

Q. It's been a great year for you, and a long year as well. Talk a little bit about the two weeks off before this week, how good that was for your mindset.

ALEX SMALLEY: Yeah, it was nice. It was nice being at home for two weeks. I don't know how often I've had that so far this year, maybe only one other time.

Last week Sedgefield here was closed, so I had to go find some other places to play and practice. The staff over at Greensboro Country Club, the Farm course, was very generous enough to let me go out there for a few days and practice while they were preparing the golf course one last time before the tournament.

Yeah, this deep in the season, to have the ability to take two weeks off is huge. I learned my first year out here that rest is almost as important or maybe even more so than playing a



bunch of tournaments.

Q. What will your mindset be going into tomorrow as you try to get that first win and also solidify what is already a really good FedExCup ranking for you?

ALEX SMALLEY: Yeah, I'm going to, you know, try to keep pushing forward. Try to play as aggressive as I guess feel like I can tomorrow given where I am off the tee. If you hit the fairway, you can be relatively aggressive to some of the hole locations, but if you miss the fairway by a little bit, I mean, the first cut isn't too bad. It's kind of webby in spots, so you can still get quite a bit of grain and the ball comes out kind of funky, but it's a lot better than being in the rough. Just going to try to keep pushing forward, going to try to get as many birdie looks as I can and see where that takes me.

