

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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STEVEN ALKER (-15)



Q. (No microphone.)

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I had some big-timers out there today, Harrington and Block. I mean, he's a -- I kind of felt like there was like two or three people pulling for me out there, so it was kind of a tough day. Just hang in there. We're all playing a little, you know, a little (inaudible,) we're keeping it on each other and someone had to break out there and make some putts. Yeah, I think what did I learn? Just to stay patient and play my game. What else can you do?

Q. Talk about the putt on 15. The reaction was "wow."

STEVEN ALKER: Oh, yeah. Yeah, that's one you don't expect. I mean, I think I had a three-shot lead at the time. Just get it down there, try and two putt. Have a par 5 coming up. Just try to keep it in the house. That was kind of unexpected. I think I rolled a nice one somewhere else today, too. Hey, those help.

Q. A lot of similarities between this week and last week, weren't there?

STEVEN ALKER: There were, yeah. Like scoring-wise and just how I felt out there, a lot of fairways, a lot of greens. Just to get the job done is nice, especially back-to-back weeks.

Q. Last four years in Schwab Cup, first, second, first, second. A little message maybe to the two guys above you that, hey, I'm still here?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, you know what? Yeah, I'm still here, but I've got a lot of work to do. I mean, if I can just hang around and sneak in there, those double points in the Playoffs, who knows? Just get something going. But Stewart and Zach are having great years. I mean, they're going to be super tough to beat.

Q. Congratulations to Steven Alker, our 2026 Ally Challenge champion. Thirteenth win on the Champions Tour, third of the season and wins in back-to-back weeks. How special is this one for you?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, very special. To win here at Warwick Hills, old Buick Open site, I just love coming back here. Just the type of golf course, you've got to shape shots and play some golf. I like coming back here and playing.

But to have these back-to-back weeks is super special. It's just nice to get it done down the stretch.



Q. I guess when you're waiting a couple extra hours with the weather, tell me what was kind of going through your head as you were waiting.

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it's always hard just to plan your time. It's kind of a long lunch. I was in the room for an extra couple of hours. I could have slept in for a couple of extra hours, that would have been nice.

But it's just planning your day. Once you get your time, keep doing the same thing as you did the last couple days. It worked out well. The golf course held up great, which was amazing because we didn't know if we were going to get started with all that rain.

Q. Kind of walk me through that four-hole stretch on the back, four straight birdies and capping it off with the putt on 16.

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it was huge. I said to Troy on 12, I said we're playing good, let's just get this party started. And it did, I made a nice putt there on 12 and then that second shot into 13, I was really pleased with that.

So those four in a row, I didn't expect 15, that was a huge putt there and that gave me a little buffer so that was extra special. Yeah, No. 12 got it all started, that putt on 12.

Q. (Inaudible) the turning point in kind of a little way? Take me through your second shot there.

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, kind of had a nice number. I was standing over the ball and the wind started gusting pretty good so I thought I better hit this club. I was in between a 5-wood and a 3-wood. I felt long's better than short. I hit it pretty nicely, hit the shot I wanted. Almost made the putt as well. That was clutch because the guys bogeyed and kind of gave me a little buffer as well.

Q. How far did you have in there?

STEVEN ALKER: I had like 247 hole, 247 yards into the wind so it was probably playing more like 255. Yeah, it was a nice shot to that tiny green.

Q. Last time I saw you was 2022 when you (inaudible) the PGA on the other side of the state. Back then you said you felt like a kid out here. Do you still feel like a kid or are you the veteran now?

STEVEN ALKER: A little bit. I'm trying to, I'm trying to because you look at your age, it's just a number, right? You're going, I'm getting older and the guys are getting younger coming out.

Just keep working on the game, working on the fitness, try and stay young. I've got kids in

university; they keep me young. Yeah, it's hard to do. Hopefully, I don't know how long I've got in this game but just try and stay young and stay fit.

Q. You adjusted pretty well I would say to the wet greens. What was that process to get it all started?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, a lot more -- practiced putting before we went out. I spent an extra 10, 15 minutes on the putting green this morning just trying to dial that speed in. I wouldn't say I had it spot on the first few holes, but yeah, that was definitely a big adjustment today.

Q. Talk about the momentum. You've got back-to-back wins now, you're coming in later in the season now with points. Talk about what this means for your season, building this momentum.

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, just huge. I mean, whenever you have multiple win seasons, you're doing pretty good out here. It's just getting harder and harder to win, especially with Zach and Stewart playing so well.

To get back to back, yep, it's amazing. And to get it here is even more special. But I think momentum is huge in this game and what I've done the last couple weeks has definitely helped that.

Q. And the community out here today, tell me what it was like to have that community behind you.

STEVEN ALKER: Well, it was amazing. I've kind of seen the same people all week, to be honest, kind of following me around, which has been great. I kind of feel like I wasn't the favorite out there maybe today. Michael Block had a lot of fans and followers, which is great. He's great for our tour. He's playing well. And Padraig's always a favorite as well. I just tried to stick to my business and play my game and it worked out.

Q. You talk about this course being kind of a -- you circle it on your calendar every year. Why is that and what about this course is so special?

STEVEN ALKER: Well, it's kind of iconic with the history you have here and then just the way they run the golf tournament, set up the golf course. We had some rough this week, it got bouncier during the week. So it's great to come here and test your game. You've got to have all facets going. And the greens are always so good here as well. So I love coming here and playing Warwick Hills.

Q. How long was that putt on 15?

STEVEN ALKER: I don't know, 120 maybe? I don't know. Felt like -- it was probably a good 60 feet. It was coming across, it was down. Just trying to two-putt, two-putt and get out of there, but that was a bonus, gave me a buffer. It was nice.