

ROUND 2 QUOTES

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STEVEN ALKER (-10)



Q. Great round, Steven. Just kind of take us through your day and what was working for you out there.

STEVEN ALKER: Kind of started slow. I mean, it was just kind of like a little bit like yesterday, just started slow, just kind of built and built and just kind of took my opportunities where I could.

Didn't birdie the par 5s today, which was disappointing. But yeah, I'm very pleased just to be in the position I am because those slow starts. You know, I'd like to get a couple earlier if I could. Yeah, I mean, 10's good, one behind. Pretty happy.

Q. Such a steady force just climbing your way up the leaderboard, a place you're very familiar with. What is it like just like staying in your mindset and not getting fazed by anything around you and knowing that if you play your game, you can be where you want to be come Sunday?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I'm in a good place right now, just mentally don't feel like I have to push things. I've been working on keeping the bogeys down a little bit. End of the season there's bogeys jumping in, but I think I'm doing pretty well at managing that. As I say, just take your chances when you can. It's been nice. I'm starting to putt well and for the most part I'm driving it in the fairway. When you combo those two things, it's a good combination.

Q. Steven, talk about who's on your bag and how that changes.

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah. I've got Whyatt O'Rourke, he's a local guy here. He's 19 years old, caddies here full time pretty much at the moment. He's been good. I bring him in just to take a look at a putt. I'm still working my way around this course trying to figure it out, but he's been great. Good attitude. Young kid, he's fit and he's walking up those hills pretty good, quicker than Troy.

Q. How's that change what you have to do? Does it put a little extra on you?

STEVEN ALKER: No, today was better because I kind of got him involved a little bit more, which was good, and then we started talking about things. Yesterday he didn't know my game, he didn't know who I was. It's just a matter of like feeling a bit more comfortable. He's not picking my clubs, but he's got a pretty good idea of what I'm going to hit, so that's a good sign. As I said, just on the greens, just the odd putt here and there, (inaudible), that really helps.



Q. Tomorrow looks like you're going to play in the final group again with Michael Block. Your thoughts on playing with him and is there a difference the second time around?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, we're kind of different personalities, right? So a lot of people, he's got a great following and I think the crowds will be good tomorrow and want him to do well.

But yeah, no, I'll just do my thing. I'll just get out there and be me and play my golf. He's a bit different, he likes to talk about things. It's fun. I kind of like watching him play a little bit, see how he goes about the game. Not that I'll take a whole lot of it forward, but I just like watching him play and how he goes about his game.

He's got game, I've got to bring it tomorrow.

Q. We won't see you starting to wave on 18 or anything?

STEVEN ALKER: Well, if the winning putt goes down, yeah. I don't do that too often.

