

ROUND 3 QUOTES
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STEVEN ALKER (-14)



STEVEN ALKER: Visually, it was pretty easy, to be honest. I didn't have to do much, just get it started down the hill. I just kind of saw the line coming in there. I had a similar putt I think maybe Friday I think it was, kind of similar. So I kind of had a feeling how much it was breaking, but good to see it go down.

Q. You made a public shout-out to your caddie.

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, yeah, a local boy here. Whyatt did a great job, he was a great fill-in. I was kind of surprised to see him on 9 tee on Friday, said "I'll fill in for him."

I'd actually run into him on Thursday because he was caddying for Scott Parel and he was first alternate and I caught up with him on Thursday. We met and had a chat, and then all of a sudden he's caddying for me on No. 9 on Friday. It's a pretty cool story. A local boy, young kid. He did a great job, too.

Q. To win a tournament in its inaugural year, does that feel a little extra special?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, it does, it sure does. I think what they've done this week with the golf course and Lehigh presenting out here, they did a fantastic job. To do that, to see the crowds, you know, you never know kind of what support you're going to get. I think they might have been rooting a little more for Michael Block today, but it was fun to see people out and enjoying themselves and enjoying the experience.

Q. From what you talked about with some of the other guys, did you enjoy the course this week?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I did. As I said in my speech, I think just when you get old school, old style that's kind of untouched, it's pretty special. It makes you think a little bit more where you hit it on the green, where you're going to putt from, where you're going to miss it, all those sort of things. It was fun, I love that sort of golf. So I'm glad to be champion out there, it's pretty special.

Q. Golf in the Northeast, at least this time of year, this is what can happen.

STEVEN ALKER: Exactly.

Q. So to be kind of able to get it done --

STEVEN ALKER: Well, we got lucky, right? We got some wind on Friday, we got the warm



weather and now we've got this. Yeah, I think we finished just in time. I'm glad I made that par on 18.

Q. Report that you putted first on 16 with Michael?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I think so. It was kind of lucky because actually Michael should have actually putted first actually with the stance and everything. But kudos to him, he holed putts on 16 and 17 there after I made that. That was pretty special, that was impressive.

Q. (No microphone.)

STEVEN ALKER: Well, I don't know about the time of year. It's just, you know, obviously the golf course is in play. Certain golf courses you like and you feel good on. I come here this week and it's just old school, I just love this type of golf. So when you feel good on a golf course it always helps.

And then the game, as I said, we've done this before, just getting better and better every week, just little things. I might not have had my A-game today, but it's nice to know that I can still win without the A-game, or my B game for that matter.

It's just a lot of fun like being in the hunt all the time, it's just nice. I think I've got a lot more comfortable the last couple months just like being patient and being calm and just trying to get the job done and not forcing things, so that's been really pleasant.

Q. (No microphone.)

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, well, I didn't play a practice round, play a pro-am. Yes and no to that stuff. Just muscle related, nothing serious. Tyson got me going this week, that's the benefits of having someone on the road just to get me started. It settled down and I started swinging pretty free the last two days. The first day was a bit (inaudible). Yeah, just happy to play and have the trophy in my hand.

Q. (No microphone.)

STEVEN ALKER: I think just the whole vibe, the company I'm in I think is amazing. I'm still learning stuff from guys, I'm still learning to play with certain guys and pick their brain. I think that's pretty special.

But I think even more than that is just the drive to win. Now I've got the taste to win. This is the second opportunity for me. Second chances don't come around very often. So just to be in the heat as much as I can and have a chance to win a golf tournament, that's what it's all about. That's the most fun I get out of it.

Q. (No microphone.)



STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, what a great kid, first of all. He's only 19, caddies here. He's taken a year off from school and working. He was great. I mean, I tend to do my own thing, especially reading putts, but I hadn't played the golf course that much so I called him in a couple times. He had some good vibes on the golf course where to hit it, where not to hit it, so yeah, he was great. He was a great fill-in for a couple days, two and a half days.

Q. (No microphone.)

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, yeah, exactly. I mean, it's amazing. I'm happy for him. To have that experience for a young kid like that, that's super cool.

Q. (No microphone.)

STEVEN ALKER: No, it's just gone up, I think. My rate with him, yeah, it's high. It's good, he's OK, he'll be all right.

