

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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STEVEN ALKER (-12)

Q. Congratulations on your round today.

STEVEN ALKER: Thank you.

Q. Pretty decent. Can you take us through it?

STEVEN ALKER: I was just trying to keep up with Steve Stricker. That's basically it. I got off to a bit of a slow start, I couldn't make any birdies and I wasn't hitting it very close so just stayed patient and rolled in a couple nice ones on 8 and 9 kind of got me going, got me some confidence with the putter. I played the par 5s great on the back nine, two really super shots in there. Just kind of made the day. Had a little bit of a slip at the end, but I'm right in it tomorrow, which is great.

Q. Your two eagles are the most eagles you've had in a round on Champs. How exciting is that?

STEVEN ALKER: It was great. As I said, it kept my round going, a momentum keeper. I was just staying aggressive and Steve was playing great. You know he's not going to make mistakes. Just kept at it and yeah, just pleased to make those couple eagles.

Q. Are you surprised the way Steve's playing?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, kind of a little bit. I mean, I thought he might let off a little bit there today, but he's just solid. I know he had a mishap on 18 there, but his short game is still sharp and he was hitting some nice iron shots, just drive it in the fairway as he does. Yeah, it was kind of surprising, but kind of not, you know what I mean.

Q. Did you guys talk about anything out there?

STEVEN ALKER: Just about kids really, college, his girls, college and golf. And yeah, it was cool. I haven't played with Ernie or Steve since I've been out here, so it was fun. A little bit kind of nervous, but it was fun, I enjoyed it.

Q. Your caddy being from Texas, you talked about how much he means. What would this victory, how would this work?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, well, it's funny, my daughter said a couple weeks ago, she said, Dad, you've got a couple tournaments in Texas, it would be great to have a win for Sam. So got a lot of support in Beeville, friends come out from south Texas to support and Sam's

family, so it's pretty cool.

Q. Two rounds and some pretty good low scores. What's it going to take? Someone's going to have to shoot low again to win this thing, aren't they?

STEVEN ALKER: If it didn't blow too hard, again, might be five, six, seven, who knows. I saw Brandt in a good round there at 8 under. Yeah, just got to keep at it.

Q. Two rounds out here, you've got to feel pretty good about your game right now.

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, I'm feeling good. Just kind of carried it on from a few weeks ago. That's been the most pleasing thing, just to keep it going, carry it on and show some form.

Q. And you're playing in the final group?

STEVEN ALKER: Yeah, that's always good.