

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
**August 9, 2025**

**STEVEN ALKER (-9)**



**Q. Well, Steven, not the finish you wanted but you got yourself into contention going into tomorrow. Just overall thoughts on the round?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, I just kind of kept the round going. I played the par 5s poorly. You've got to get the par 5s out here today. I think I played them 1 over, so you can't do that tomorrow.

But otherwise most of the day just kept my nose clean and hit some good shots. Kind of felt like I left a little bit out there. Yeah, just unfortunate about 18. Going to make dinner taste a little bit not as good. But I'm right there, so I like the golf course, the game's feeling OK, so go get 'em tomorrow.

**Q. Historically you play very well here. Why is that?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Here? Well, you've kind of got to do everything well especially when the greens get a bit firmer. When it firms up, you've got to start hitting some good iron shots and place it in the right place, make sure you're in the fairway and all that stuff. I just like the golf course, kind of sets up pretty good for me. If you can do everything pretty well, you're OK.

**Q. I know you would rather be probably in the lead, but you're 3 back right now. Is that OK? You don't mind being a chaser?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** No, that's OK. Looks like even if I parred the last one, I'm still a couple behind. I'd like to be a little bit closer, but Stewart had a heck of a round today. Right there. I've done it before, so let's go again tomorrow.