

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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ALEX CEJKA (-9)



Q. How special of a win was this for you?

ALEX CEJKA: I was really a little bit emotional. It's the first three-round tournament I won. Especially playing alongside my idol, Bernhard Langer, who I admired for the last, I don't know, 34 years. Being with him in the final round and in tough conditions on a tough golf course, and I held my stuff together. I'm really, really proud. I cannot even put it in words what it means to me.

Q. What is it about you playing in beautiful weather?

ALEX CEJKA: That's what everybody keeps saying that. No, I hate that weather. I don't know, I got lucky once during the Senior British Open, now everybody thinks I like to do it over and over again. Maybe it confirms it, two for two now. Yes, maybe it's true.

It's tough golfing out there when you have a tough track, conditions like this, windy, rainy. I don't know, maybe I focus better. Maybe I -- I honestly can't tell you why. Maybe I focus a little bit more, I don't know. I'm just happy the day is over today, let me tell you.

Q. You said it's your first three-round win. Is it harder to win a three-rounder than a four-rounder?

ALEX CEJKA: It's harder to win a three-rounder. Four rounds you have maybe one extra round, if you're on fire you can maybe make some ground up. We had a great field here on a tough golf course with tough conditions. I'm really proud. Three rounds, you've got to still -- yes, you can shoot an even par, 1 over normally and you fall in a three-round tournament far behind, so it's tough to catch it up maybe in two more rounds. I don't know.

But as I said, in the past I've been playing pretty well. Last couple tournaments I didn't maybe show the results like this, but finally today it came together. I fought, I played well and I grinded like everybody else. I knew Ernie was making a charge a little bit, but I'm glad I made birdies on 17 and 18.

