

Steve Alker Interview Round 3.

Question: Yeah, that was quite a finish. Not the way you wanted it to happen, but you were able to get it done —

Steve Alker Answer: (wind noise) like to see (wind noise) bogey. But, yeah, I mean, I had a chance in regulation. I just — you know, I hit a — I hit a flush 5-iron, but I just pulled it left of my target. And then, you know, the chip wasn't very good. So it was kind of a sloppy finish with the 5-irons onto the green. But got it done. What can you say? You just try to find a way to get it done.

Question: Was it about a five-, six-foot putt to win, or —

Steve Alker Answer: More like kind of ten feet, or — ten feet. Ten, 11 feet (wind noise).

Question: (wind noise)?

Steve Alker Answer: It's great. There's no pressure. I had two putts to win. So I think the putt became a little bit easier after that.

Question: Yeah. And then you say Calgary's a special place for you?

Steve Alker Answer: It is. Yeah, I played Canadian Tour golf here in Calgary. And then, as I said, '97 I started playing here. I played two, four years. And I just love it up here. It's fantastic. As I say, we've got an amazing tournament (wind noise) a great tournament together and get some plays, and we just love coming here.

Question: Yeah. And then the front nine you were just even. So how were you able to — you had five birdies and the six (wind noise) —

Steve Alker Answer: Yeah. Well, yesterday I was watching (wind noise) I was kind of thinking about it. Well, these birdies out here (wind noise) we had some par 5s coming in, and I rolled (wind noise) 14 through 16 I made those. It's not easy holes. So the birdies, they were great and kind of got me — got me on a positive note, yeah.

Question: Just — maybe just you cut your teeth as a professional here in Calgary. What's it mean to win in Calgary?

Steve Alker Answer: Yeah. Huge. I mean, we're going back 30 years here. And this is — my wife and I, this is where we basically courted. She started caddying for me, and that was our courting days. And it was a whole lot of fun and (wind noise) stayed in town. We have a blast (wind noise).

Question: Was there a moment on the Canadian Tour that was — that you remember —

Steve Alker Answer: Oh, I couldn't tell. I couldn't tell. Not — not — not for — not for your ears. But we just — we just had a great bunch of guys. There was a whole new (unintelligible) of players that were all coming up. We were trying to develop and get our games together. And it was just — it was just fun times. It really was.

Question: Just put into perspective just your success on the Champions Tour as well just over the last few years.

Steve Alker Answer: Yeah. You know, if you told me like five years ago I'd be standing here with 12 wins, yeah, I'd probably tell you you're a bit of a liar. But it's — it's great. There's new blood coming on all the time. So I think that kind of makes you work harder. You know, I'm getting older. Who knows how long I'm in this game for. But (wind noise) so that's a good sign.

Question: When you won in Houston you had just lost your former caddie to cancer, and then you shared a story that your family is dealing with now. What is it about being able to deliver in those moments?

Steve Alker Answer: Yeah. I don't know. Well, you know, it's — you just kind of dig pretty deep. And I think it's important family is here. To have Tanya here (wind noise) just kind of relaxes me a little bit. I like having them on the road; so it does help.