

**ALEX SMALLEY (-8)**

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**Q. Finished up the first round this morning and then second round, 6 under. You're 8 under heading into the weekend. Can you give me some comments about that?**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** I knew it was going to be a long day. We finished up at 8:15 yesterday and we had about an 11- to 10-hour turnaround, which is always difficult. Had 15 left. I knew 15 was a pretty good scoring opportunity if I got the ball in the fairway and I was able to do that, knocked in a putt.

I feel like I played really solid all day. I don't think I made a bogey today over 22 holes, which is I feel like the key anywhere you play, so that helped me out quite a bit get into a rhythm. Saw a couple putts go in and started to relax a little bit and played well the rest of the day.

**Q. Heading into the weekend tomorrow, what's the mindset going in?**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** I don't think I need to change anything, just need to keep doing what I'm doing and keeping the ball in front of me. When I do miss, miss on the fat side of the hole and just hit as many greens as I can, hit as many fairways as I can and try to stay in the moment will be the biggest key.

**Q. A member here, can you tell me just kind of your familiarity with the course?**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** Yeah. So I joined June 1st of last year, so I've been here for a year and two months now. I haven't put a number on it, but I think I've probably played here 60 to 75 times, so I feel pretty comfortable with the lines on each hole. The course is in really good shape, it's always in really good shape. It's playing a little different than it usually does for us. There's a little more runout in the fairways, which has changed a couple of the clubs that I hit off of the tee. The greens are a little quicker, but other than that, it's the same golf course, so still feel very comfortable with all the holes and I feel good with where my game's at.

**Q. Can you tell me about when and how you found out about the sponsor exemption into the Wyndham Championship?**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** Yeah. So I met Mark Brazil, the tournament director, last year before the tournament and we just kind of stayed in touch and tried to see when our schedules would match up where we could play one day in the spring. I think we played in the middle of February with a couple sponsors this year and he gave me the spot on the ninth fairway, in the middle of the ninth fairway, so I'll remember that for a long time. Just very grateful to the Wyndham Championship and Mr. Brazil for giving me an incredible opportunity to play on my home course.

**Q. Obviously a local favorite. What does it mean to have kind of friends and family following along with you and cheering you during this round?**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** It's been great. The last year, year and a half's been rough for a lot of people, so it's nice to have fans back out on the golf course watching.

**Q. What do you think is the biggest difference between playing just a casual round and playing it here in tournament shape?**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** Keeping my nerves under control has been the toughest part. I don't play in front of a whole lot of people all the time. I've been fortunate to play in, I think this is my sixth PGA TOUR event, so I'm used to playing in front of some people. Obviously the course looks a little different with all the grandstands than it usually does, so it's just getting comfortable with that side of things and I think I figured out how to do that over the few tournaments that I have been able to play.

**Q. And it's a long day to see what happens tomorrow, but if you're paired with Kevin, how much more comfortable with two Duke guys going out together?**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** Oh, is Kevin there, too?

**Q. He's at 8 under as well.**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** Oh, he is? Oh, that will be a lot of fun. I met Kevin last spring in Phoenix at the Waste Management. I've talked to him a little bit; seems like a very nice guy, soft spoken. It will probably help me out a little bit, I think that will be a lot of fun.

**Q. Maybe you guys will talk about Coach K a little bit?**

**ALEX SMALLEY:** Maybe, yeah.