

**MARK WALKER ( -4)**

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**Q. Mark, thanks for joining us today. Can you start with your thoughts on today's round?**

**MARK WALKER:** Oh, today was extremely tough out there. The wind blowing, it was kind of cool, temperature had dropped. It was a struggle to even make pars. I hit it pretty well, struck it well, putted it pretty well, but I just kept getting on the high side, putting downhill, really fast greens and it was just difficult.

**Q. How did you feel today? Played differently than yesterday?**

**MARK WALKER:** Like I said, the greens seem to be a step faster and with the temperatures dropping a little, it seemed like -- yesterday actually it played extremely tough on the back nine because we had the wind picked up, but today felt similar to that but just with the temperatures dropped. Seemed like more of a struggle today than yesterday.

**Q. You've got to be happy, though, where you're at?**

**MARK WALKER:** Yes, I'm happy. Actually, during the middle of the round I never looked at boards or anything so I didn't know what everybody was doing. I felt like I was losing ground. When I got to 18 and saw the scores were a little higher than I thought they would be, I was very happy.

**Q. Talk about your week, how it started.**

**MARK WALKER:** My week? I started, I had to do the Monday qualifier at Echelon, which is a very difficult golf course, up and down hills, just hard, hard on my legs. Played practice rounds, walking up and down the hills. Anyway, struggled with that, but ended up playing really well. Got through and was excited to be here. Once I saw this golf course, I haven't played it before, I haven't gotten in this one, so I was pleasantly surprised at how good this place is. I love this golf course.

**Q. You've seen what Steven Alker has been doing, how he started. does that give guys like you hope, I guess?**

**MARK WALKER:** It does, yeah, it does. To see him do what he's done, it's exciting. He's played really well. I mean, I would love to do even a little bit of what he's done. Yes, it gives you hope and it makes you want to get out and practice harder, work harder at it and get out here and play some.

**Q. What would a win, something like that mean for you?**

**MARK WALKER:** Yeah, that would be great. Top-5 gets me in another event, makes me have to bypass the Monday Q. It's a big deal.

**Q. People don't realize how hard it is to get on this tour.**

**MARK WALKER:** Yeah, it's really hard. I've been to tour school a few times and almost got through, but there's only five spots, so it's very difficult to get out here.

**Q. So this is basically your shot?**

**MARK WALKER:** Exactly.

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