

**VISIT KNOXVILLE OPEN**  
**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**May 14, 2022**



**ANDERS ALBERTSON (-16)**

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**Q. Another great day for you, bogey free. Walk me through your round.**

**ANDERS ALBERTSON:** Yeah, the course was very difficult today. They were really firm, so I think the whole group was kind of struggling getting a lot of birdie looks early, trying to get a feel for it. For whatever reason, got in a better groove on the back nine, got a couple in a row there which was nice. Only two par 5s on this course, so it's hard to really count on those kind of easy birdies. And 18's a tough birdie with the flag, but it was nice to get one to close out the day. Yeah, another just kind of really solid ball-striking round. You don't really get a straight putt around here, so yeah, it's nice to kind of get in a groove whenever you can find that and that happened for me today on the back nine.

**Q. When the course is playing tough like that, how do you just -- I think you're good about this, but staying within yourself and not letting that get to you?**

**ANDERS ALBERTSON:** Yeah, right. I really try hard before the tournament starts to go through where are the best places to be so I can make the decisions when I'm in the middle of the moment.

Yeah, we had a really good game plan, my caddie and I, my friend Walker. I think we'll stick to that. My body felt good all week, so I feel sharp with my swing and can put it where I want and I always like that. So enjoy it when you can put it on the right side of the hole. Yeah, we've been able to take advantage of that.

**Q. When's the last time that you went like, I mean, you led 18, 36, 54?**

**ANDERS ALBERTSON:** I don't know if ever, honestly. Maybe back if I was playing like a junior event. I don't think I've ever done that to my knowledge in a professional event. Yeah, it's cool.

Again, not really thinking about that as much as I can about playing the course tomorrow and if it happens to be good enough, but my focus is playing the best I can and maintaining the strategy I've had all week. It's fun to be here, but yeah, it's not really where my mind's at.

**Q. Was the highlight of the day a good break or a bad break?**

**ANDERS ALBERTSON:** I mean, it's funny it worked out like that. It was probably the most solid shot I hit all day. I just kind of held up a 6-iron and that's a really hard part of 3. Honestly, you're just trying to fly it in the middle and just hope it stays on. Yeah, we couldn't

see, it was so far away, but like it definitely hit the flag and we heard the noise of the people and I got up there and it was like an inch away. So I think it was a good break considering that it was a back flag and it kind of falls off, so I'm glad it stopped it and didn't have to do an up-and-down there, it was nice.

**Q. I've heard the crowds can be tough to appease here, so for you to cause a ruckus out there, that's --**

**ANDERS ALBERTSON:** Yeah, yeah, that was very fun, so we appreciate it and look forward to tomorrow.

**Q. Is Lincolnland being four years ago, is that too far being able to draw back? I doubt you'll have to shoot 9, 10 under tomorrow to win, but is that something you can draw back or is that just too far long ago?**

**ANDERS ALBERTSON:** Oh, no, I mean, I've only won one of these events, so I don't have to try to hard to remember back. It's very, very clear.

Yeah, it's comfortable, I guess, if you can think that you've already won. But again, I'm not really thinking about winning. If it happens, it's great, but I know for me after making a bunch of mistakes in my career, that it's about being as free as I can.

Yeah, that would be nice, but I know that there's 18 holes of very difficult holes that I have to take care of before that would be a reality, but it is comforting to think back that I've done it before. I've been in a big moment and can just kind of be present and calm in my body when things are on the line. It is helpful.

**Q. And then I remember that year, you had that streak of Sundays, like you would play final rounds like I mean I think you had like three or four 63s. What is it about Sundays, because guys sometimes are like I'm good with my position, whereas you are just like I'm going to keep making birdies.**

**ANDERS ALBERTSON:** Yeah.

**Q. Is that something you can use even though it was three, four years ago?**

**ANDERS ALBERTSON:** Yeah, for whatever reason I feel more comfortable and more free the later in the week it is. I feel more confident on Sunday than I do on Thursday. It's just kind of always been like that whether I just get settled with the conditions or whatever. But yeah, I've always believed in myself more and more throughout the week.

I appreciate you noticing that, but yeah, thankfully it's just a good skill that I've been blessed to have, just be comfortable on the weekends. Yeah, it's another day and I'm excited to be out here with my friend and family. And yeah, I've never played with Carl, so I'm looking forward to that. Yeah, it will be a good group.