

ALEX CEJKA (-14)

Q. Alex, 6 under par on the back nine, did something click for you at the turn?

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, actually played pretty good even the front nine, I just didn't make any putts. You know, just tried to make good shots, trying to stay out of the lava. You make a bad shot, it's not rough, it's immediately lava. So I tried to keep it inbounds, in play. Really played pretty decent the front nine. I didn't really have any bad shots, just good putts that didn't go in. Then on the back nine I hit a few close, took advantage on the par 5s and I'm pretty happy with that front nine, yeah.

Q. On a day like this, do you look at the leaderboards throughout the day?

ALEX CEJKA: I didn't look at the leaderboard I think until 16 because it's like it's right in your face right next to the green. But I'm not a leaderboard watcher. I'm playing my game, that's all I can do. I have no control if somebody in front of me or behind me's playing great. But I saw it on 16 and I wanted to make one more birdie, maybe just be in the final group. It's such a level of play, it doesn't matter if you're in the final group or in the third last group. I think we all are pretty pleased.

Q. The pants I think will make a return after today, won't they?

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, I'm pretty sure. I think tomorrow, maybe not in that color, but joggers are pretty comfortable. If Justin Thomas can play great in them, I can, too. They're going to make a return.

Q. What are you going to do tomorrow? You saw what Steve did, he shoots 60, you shoot 8 under, it's like you got smoked and you played great.

ALEX CEJKA: He's a great player. We see it every year, he wins four, five tournaments. Especially on a day like this where it's calm, he's just so good with his irons and he gives himself so much chances. His putting isn't shabby either. I just hope for a little bit more wind. But again, he's a great player. We all are great players, but he's played incredible after his comeback last year winning, what was it, four, five? I don't even know. It's going to be tough to catch him. I've just got to go out there and shoot low and we'll see what happens.

Q. Is that a different strategy maybe going into tomorrow for you?

ALEX CEJKA: No, I want to play the same. I've been striking the ball pretty good and I think my drives came the last two days, I really hit it well. I've just got to hit it really, really well to give me better chances, and then make the putts. But again, this course here with

conditions like this, you can go low. It's different when it blows 30 miles an hour, that's the only defense this course has. As you see on the leaderboard, some great scores overall.