

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
**January 18, 2024**



**STEVEN ALKER (-7)**

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**Q. Steven, four straight birdies to finish out. How sweet was that for you?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, that was nice. Didn't have a lot of momentum on the round, kind of middle of the round. Nice start and then just kicked on. I was hitting the ball well, I knew I was playing well and feeling good. I just hit it close coming in. Yeah, it was pleasing to finish that way. Make dinner taste a little bit better.

**Q. What did you call this, a second-shot golf course?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Yeah, I think so. Obviously there's room off the tee so you have plenty of room there, but definitely around this course if you can get it in there close. The greens, there's a little bit of break on them, but on the edges, if you can keep it inside you're good.

**Q. You finished runnerup here the last two years. What is it that you like about this place?**

**STEVEN ALKER:** What's not to like? It's Hualalai.

Just coming here, I think being with the family and just the start of the year, ready to go. Not quite sure what you've got in the tank, but just great to be here. Just grateful. And I like the golf course, too. That helps. Always nice to come somewhere you like coming and you like the golf course.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**STEVEN ALKER:** Well, I had to throw it in there. She's going tonight.