

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
**February 22, 2024**



**STEVE ALLAN (-5)**

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**Q. All right, Steve, 5 under. Kind of walk us through your round briefly.**

**STEVE ALLAN:** Yeah, it was obviously a good start. I was a little scrappy early but sort of hung in there. Then I got hot around the turn, birdied 17, eagled 18, birdied 1. Hit a really good shot into 18, hit it to about a foot, so it was about the easiest eagle you could have. Then holed a bomb on 1 and holed another good putt on 3.

Then it was a bit scrappy at the end, I was just kind of hanging in there. It was a good day, good to get off to a good start and get a good score.

**Q. And then have you played this course before?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** No, first time.

**Q. Initial thoughts?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** Yeah, I heard a lot about it, especially the greens. You know, they're not rolling super fast, so I think they're kind of pretty playable right now. The pins were in pretty fair positions; certainly some hard ones, but I was kind of lucky, when I missed it I was in a good spot. But they're pretty demanding on your iron play, that's for sure.

**Q. And have you had experience in Morocco before?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** My first European Tour event was in Morocco, and that was a long time ago, 1997. It was in Agadir. Different course, different town. That was the only time I came. I had a good time that week, but it's nice to be here again. Different city.

**Q. How's the experience been?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** It's been great. I got over to have a look at the -- a little bit of the old town Rabat the other day, which was good fun to walk around before dinner. Hopefully might try it again.

**Q. Steve, last week was your first event at Chubb. What did you learn last week that maybe helped you this week so far?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** I'm still a little nervous about it. You know, it's been seven years since I've been -- I was on Korn Ferry seven years ago, and the big tour it was 2009, so it's been 15 years. I was pretty anxious last week, probably a little bit too much, a little bit tight and tense.



I was feeling more comfortable as the week was going on. Kind of the same today, so hopefully it can keep going that way.

Enjoying it, it's good fun. It's good to be out here again and playing some real tournaments.

**Q. Does having a round like today's round kind of help break some of that tension you're talking about?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** Yeah, a little bit. I think the second round last week I really could have had a good score, I kind of messed it up a little bit. Even that just made me feel better. I didn't have a good score, but just puts you a little bit more at ease that you've still got it there. It's a long season, hopefully you're going to have some good weeks.

