

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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ALEX CEJKA (-6)



Q. Alex, just give me your takeaways from Round 1.

ALEX CEJKA: I played pretty solid. We were lucky the wind was pretty calm until just recently, just picked up. I hit a lot of good shots, gave myself a lot of chances. This course, if you play well you can make a lot of birdies. I'm just pleased that I'm up on the leaderboard at least. Two rounds to go, anything can happen, so many great players on the leaderboard when you look at it. We'll see. I heard the weather is going to be bad, so it's going to be a little challenge, but today it was a great day.

Q. Looking back at Wales, weather didn't seem to be a challenge for you. Do you think it will be the same thing here?

ALEX CEJKA: I think it was one and done as they say here in America. No, I can play in bad weather, just it's not pleasant. Everybody wants to play in sunshine and not the tough conditions, especially when it's windy and rainy. At least it's not going to be 30 degrees like in Wales, but hopefully maybe 70. We'll see.

Q. Second year of this tournament on this golf course. Is this a course you're still learning about or is it -- have you got it figured out now?

ALEX CEJKA: I don't think anybody can say that they figure out anything in this game. Yeah, it suits my game. I'm driving it pretty well and I think that's the key. If you hit a lot of fairways, some of the pins are tucked behind the bunker so you really want to hit it off the fairway instead of that, I don't want to call it rough but it's still a couple inches. You can get flyers, you can't really control those much. It's a good, really good course. The greens are fabulous if you read it well and make a good stroke. Yeah, it's a good track so far.

Q. And you did get off the course before a little of this wind started picking up.

ALEX CEJKA: Yeah, it's been the last couple days, even in the pro-am. Like yesterday I played early, it was very pleasant to play and I finished and suddenly like somebody turned the switch on, it's like 30 miles per hour now. I think that's kind of the tendency probably here in the afternoon with the mountains. I hope I still get an early tee time tomorrow with 6 under par.

