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Second Round Quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH ALEX CEJKA

THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Alex Cejka to the interview room here at the Crowne Plaza Invitational Alex it was a fantastic second round, 65. I noticed a couple bogeys late in your round, but then the birdie on 18 must have felt pretty good, to end on a good note like that.

ALEX CEJKA: It felt good, yeah. I was a little disappointed with the bogeys on 15 and 17. I had good shots, but I 3-putted 17, and I was short of the green on 15. But always when you finish with a birdie it's, you know, it's a nice feeling when you go home. So I was very pleased. I played pretty well and just in time before the rain.

THE MODERATOR: Through two rounds you only missed 8 greens and hit you hit your irons well and were putting well, it's a good combination.

ALEX CEJKA: It's a very good combination. If you give yourself a lot of chances, and you make the putts, and you know, you are going to score well and that's the key. I've been actually fighting the last couple of weeks, and finally it's nice to have the combination at least for today, for the first two days.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q With the way everything is going here it is pretty nice to get in with 36 as opposed whatever the rest of the guys are going to have with their unfinished business.

ALEX CEJKA: That is right. I played 27 holes today. It's not easy, but, you know, if you wake up and you have a good feeling then you can play 54 holes, but 27 holes is, you know, that is a long day. And, I'm actually happy that I'm done. And, you know, it just started raining. So we'll see what the guys, they are just about to tee off, what happens there. If they can finish today. Or you know maybe tomorrow. but it's one of these weeks.

Q You talk about playing 27, what is it like, and how much time do you have between rounds and how much different is it then just a regular day at the office?
ALEX CEJKA: I didn't have much time. I think we finished 10:40 and it was 11:00 I was off. So I just went quickly to the locker, changed the socks, grabbed a bite to eat, and then hit two or three putts, and I was on the tee already. So it's a little bit different than, you know, you just come from the range. And you just play 18 holes. And go back and practice a little bit. I don't think I'm going to practice today anymore. I will just go relax. But, you know, it's a little different. But you know, we all did it in a point of our career, we played 27 or 36 holes through weather like this. You know, it's not that bad. We all are professional athletes so it shouldn't be a big problem to play 27 holes.

Q You talked about changing your socks. How were conditions out there this morning and as opposed to yesterday? And are they getting a little bit better with no rain coming down, significant rain, until maybe now?
ALEX CEJKA: I was surprised this morning when we played it wasn't wet at all. I expected after what I saw yesterday, it came down in buckets. And the river here it was 3 feet high. It was pretty dry. You can feel the rough was a little bit wet, but the course can really drain very well. And I was really surprised how dry the course was, you know. But you never know, if it starts raining again, one hour or two hours or four hours or overnight, you never know what it's going to be. But it was pretty nice to play.

Q How receptive were the greens? Was it pretty much throwing darts or were they still firmer than you thought?
ALEX CEJKA: A little bit firmer than I thought. But I would rather have it this way than like last weekend at Atlanta. On Friday there was brown greens and it was rock hard, and you pitched the ball and you end up 10 yards past the pin. So it's a little bit easier if you can just hit at the pin and pitch, it stops inside two or three or four feet. So it's a little bit better for me. Everybody is different. I would rather have it this way.

Q Is Colonial the type of course that you like, an old style, tree-lined, work-the-ball course?
ALEX CEJKA: Normally I do. The last couple of weeks my ball strength was not that well. So I was a little bit scared when I arrived here. I knew the golf course was tight and you really have to shape the ball. But I just some how managed to play well 36 holes. Sometimes when you don't expect it, you know, things are happening. So you know it's a tough course. I mean it's not very long. But it's very narrow and the rough is not easy. You know when you are eyeing the rough, it's tough to hit the greens, even if you have a 9-iron or 8-iron in your hands.

Q Did any of your fan club make it to this tournament?
ALEX CEJKA: No, they went home. They need rest. They have to work and make money so they can afford the next trip.

Q I wanted to ask you, it's kind of neat you have a neat fan club going all over the world?
ALEX CEJKA: Yes.

Q Can you talk about the guys that you took under your wing in the United States?

ALEX CEJKA: There is a bunch of guys I met them, actually it's been a couple of years, four or five years in Phoenix, and they just have been following me since. And they are from Oregon and they -- I don't know how they do it, but they convince people to be in the club and, you know, a lot of guys watch me, not only on the computer but sometimes come out. And it's nice, you know, that these boys have time and come out three or four or five times a year. It's not easy. But it's nice. You know it's nice to have a feeling, you know and you want to show them that, you know, you can play too.

Q Do you talk to them back and forth on-line?

ALEX CEJKA: Not on-line, but we're on the phone almost every week.

Q Did you talk to them this week?

ALEX CEJKA: No, he just sent me a message, a text message on Wednesday before the tournament. But I will probably talk with him today, you know.

Q Good luck or what did he send you?

ALEX CEJKA: He actually -- what did he send me? He said Tim Herron won this tournament last year you can too, kick his ass or something like that. It's always a funny nice short comment. So I will probably speak to them tonight.

Q Tim Herron wanted to join the fan club because he saw how much fun they were having last year?

ALEX CEJKA: I know. I played actually I think in Chicago, and I think I played with him, and the boys were there and he wants to join in. There are a couple of guys on Tour that want to join the club, but they have no chance.

Q Was that at Western or at the Dina?

ALEX CEJKA: That was at the Western, yes.

THE MODERATOR: Alex, thanks so much for your time.