

# U.S. Senior Open Championship

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Scioto Country Club

## Alex Cejka

### Quick Quotes

**Q. You rallied on that second nine, two birdies. Tell us about that nine for you.**

ALEX CEJKA: It's a grind. Every U.S. Open is a grind. I played pretty good, but the greens are getting firm. You've got to hit the fairways here. On the front nine I wasn't hitting the fairways, so it was tough to make pars. I was hitting a lot of up-and-downs, and I hit a lot of fairways on the back nine; the front nine, had a couple chances, and made two.

I'm very pleased that I got it under par. I wanted to finish today like in the red figures after making the turn at even. So I'm pretty pleased.

**Q. Yesterday that front nine, you had two birdies as well. Do you have a nine that you prefer for your game, for your eye?**

ALEX CEJKA: No, I can't say that. You know, just if you make good shots, they're kind of similar. I kind of like a lot of the holes on each side. So I can't say, oh, no, I can't play the back nine or I want to play it first.

The course is in great shape. Tricky pin positions. Every pin position is like three off the left, four off the right, so it's a little bit tricky. You've got to play smart.

Obviously when you're not in the fairway, it's really difficult. So I've got to figure out how to hit a little bit more fairways the next two days to have a chance.

**Q. You've been in this position before obviously, three majors. How do you like your position heading into the weekend?**

ALEX CEJKA: I'd rather be in front, but it's just I'm up there. It's just you look up at the leaderboard, and there's so many great players, experienced players. It's tough. I still have to go and maybe shoot on the weekend 3-, 4-, 5-under maybe to have a good chance. But you never



know. You never know what the wind is doing, what the players are doing on the weekend. There is a lot of scenarios.

But I've got to focus on my game, hit fairways, hit greens, make good putts. Try to score under par on both days to have a realistic chance.

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