

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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STEVE STRICKER (-12)

Q. Can you take us through your round today?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, it was a good day. Played really solid, a lot better today than I did yesterday except for a couple shots coming in, but overall it was much better. Hit it a little bit better and made some good putts. Had a couple more opportunities on the front that I didn't take advantage of, but overall it was a good solid day.

Q. Do you feel better having a round under you now, two rounds?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, yeah. I felt better coming out today a little bit. Yeah, it's just a progression I think and just keep plugging along. Feel a little out of sorts when I'm up around the lead, it's been a while, but it's good. It's what I come out here for and excited to be in this position.

Q. Energy level's good though, no wobbling?

STEVE STRICKER: There's times where I just don't feel like I'm -- no one's going to feel sorry for me, Al, let me put it that way, but yeah, like I told Nicki today, when I woke up today, if this is the way I'm going to feel, I won't play next week kind of thing just because I don't feel like my energy is there. I'm up around the lead and I was dragging this morning and that's not typical. When you're up around the lead you're excited and ready to get out there and I was ready to stay in bed. But I know it's going to be a progression. And like I said, no one's going to feel sorry for me, especially after two rounds, but it's something I need to continue to work on.

Q. The wind dying down brought the scores up, didn't it?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, yeah. The wind died down and there was some really good scores and then all of a sudden we had some really good wind on the last couple holes. That's the nature of this course, though. It comes and goes and it swirls on you and it can make you look pretty foolish at times. And it's tricky, but it's a fun test.

Q. Steve, that was a pretty good recovery shot you hit on that hole. What did you put that to about a foot and a half?

STEVE STRICKER: It was about two, three feet.

Q. What was your distance?

STEVE STRICKER: I had 71 to the hole and I just told Nicki, I'm like let's just get it up and down and get out of here. You know, I hit some bad shots the first couple days that should have gone in the water that didn't, so I just kind of felt like, well, it finally caught me. I didn't hit it as solidly as I needed to and the wind killed it and that's why it came up short.

Q. That shot was huge?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah.

Q. That took all the big numbers out, just one shot -- it could have been a disaster?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, it could have been a double bogey really easy. So it was a good save. When you can make a bogey after hitting it in the water is always, feels like you stole one.

Q. So you're going to get a good night's sleep and come in fresh tomorrow?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, yeah. Probably go to the range and hit a couple more off the other side and see if I -- just keep working on things, but get a good night's sleep and get ready for tomorrow.

Q. Overall you're pleased?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, overall I'm very pleased. I didn't know what to expect coming in here. My game is actually -- my mental game and my getting it up and down and putting and all that kind of stuff, strategizing, it was all pretty good after being off for so long and that's the part you don't know about. Don't get me wrong, I've been playing in a cart and going around, but you still, that's different than coming out here and competing with these guys. So didn't know what to expect, but very pleased where I'm at.