

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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STEVE STRICKER (-5)

Q. You got the last one. Is that kind of, you know, you needed, you know, a long one to drop, because it looked like you had a lot of opportunities that didn't go in the hole today even though you scored well.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, it was nice to get that last one, for sure. You know, Nicki and I were talking about it on 18. I hit a lot of greens. I gave myself some opportunities, but nothing really close. I had a few, you know, a couple 10- or 15-footers, but I was always kind of in that 20- to 25-foot range it seemed like.

Playing a little defensive at times. The greens are quick, they get away from you. The wind is gusty, so you kind of had to pay attention a little bit on the greens. But I hit a lot of good putts from that range. Played the par 5s well and then was finally able to get that nice one at the end, which is always fun to do on 18.

Q. Played with Kirk. Did you get in a good rhythm because he was playing well, too? I mean, you guys probably know this course as well as anybody in the field.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, he always plays well. He's a very steady player, hits a lot of fairways, a lot of greens. He played very nicely today, very well. He's a good guy to play with, easygoing, fun to be with. So is Scott McCarron. It was a good group. Good way to start the tournament and a good score to start the tournament, too, 5 under. So looking forward to tonight and taking it easy, watching a little music and then get back at it tomorrow.

Q. You said take it easy. I know you talked about maybe taking it a little bit easier with the Friday night festivities?

STEVE STRICKER: Did you buy me a beer last year? It seemed like a lot of people bought me beers last year.

Q. So no beer this year from me. (Inaudible.)

STEVE STRICKER: You know, I'm looking forward to tonight. You know, it's a lot of family and friends will be there. Toby's a friend and played a lot of golf with him over the years. He always puts on a great show. So I'm looking forward to tonight. I've just got to be responsible, drink responsibly.

Q. Does Toby have a say in that plan, though?

STEVE STRICKER: You know, we'll see him beforehand and I'm just going to have to be

stronger than ever before, you know, and just do what's right. It will be hard, but I want to play well here, so that's -- I learned my lesson last year and, you know, it's a reminder that I've kept telling myself, you know, I've got to be good tonight. And I will.

Q. You've seen a lot of Jerry's name on top of that leaderboard today. I guess have you talked much about him, about where he's at? And, I mean, you both have been close here. No surprise to see him up there?

STEVE STRICKER: No, no surprise to see him up there. He always plays well and he likes to play well and he's played well here in years past. It's not a shock to see him up there. It's cool to see him up there. Hopefully we can go out tomorrow together and play together, so that would be a lot of fun. But first round, there's such a long ways to go. It's just I'm happy with the start that I put in today.

Q. (Question about the weather forecast.)

STEVE STRICKER: Is it bad? I haven't really looked.

Q. Not great. A lot of rain.

STEVE STRICKER: That tells you how much I prepared mentally for it because I really haven't looked.

You know, we've dealt with rain a lot out here on this tour, and on every tour you play you're going to deal with it, so you just kind of go with the flow and do what you normally do. You know, prepare, get ready, hit the balls, practice. When you get blown off, you know, you've just got to stay loose and get ready to go again. We're used to it. Everybody has to go through it the same. Hopefully we dodge it and let the people come out and enjoy the tournament.

Q. You wouldn't have been able to do that on the tour, on the regular tour. Aren't you always looking at what's happening next? Are you able to just kind of relax more with that kind of stuff and not worry about it as much out here?

STEVE STRICKER: No, I would say it's the same either place I play. I feel like I go at things the same either place, so it's really no different.

Q. Lastly, your daughters, did you see their video --

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah.

Q. -- and how it turned out? They look pretty natural up there. How did they learn that?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I have no idea, but they had a gas with it. They had a lot of fun.

They were nervous coming to the course yesterday because they knew they had to do that. And they wanted to do it, but they didn't know really what to expect, their first time doing something like that.

Both of them said that it's much harder than it looks, but they had a great time doing it. They know a lot of the players here from over the years. A lot of the players know them, too, and that's what made it nice and easy for them. They had a great time doing it.

Q. I mean, we've seen Bobbi because of, you know, her playing a lot of golf, but Izzy is well spoken. Is that the way she is at home?

STEVE STRICKER: She's not bashful, she's really not. She'll let you know what she's thinking, and if you're not thinking on the same page, she'll let you know again. She's a good kid. She has a lot of talent in the golf game and she gets along with adults very easily. She can communicate very well and she enjoys that, too.