

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**June 23, 2019**



**STEVE STRICKER (-15, eliminated by bogey in first playoff hole)**

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**Q. A roller coaster of emotions those last few holes. Can you just take us through there?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah. You know, I had some opportunities coming in at 15, 16, 18. Pretty cautious with some of the putts. Didn't hit some of my best putts.

Yeah, then had the opportunity to win it all right there on 18, you know. Misread it a little bit. I didn't think it was going to break as much as it did and it just snapped off at the end. I thought I hit a pretty good putt. I thought I hit a good putt here, too.

But yeah, a little disappointing when you get that opportunity to close it out and have about an eight- or 10-footer to do it, you want to make it and be done, but I didn't.

**Q. That first putt was eight to 10 feet on 18? The second?**

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**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, it was probably an eight-footer probably.

**Q. And the second time around?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Oh, it was probably five or six feet. Probably a six footer. Yeah, hard to hit it up that hill. I knew it was going to be slow and I needed to bash it and just didn't do it, didn't get it there.

**Q. You've won a lot. A little different, I guess, feel walking up 18 at least in regulation and just getting over it knowing the chance to win this tournament here.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah. I mean, couldn't ask for a better situation. I hit a great shot in there and I had nothing to lose at that point. It's mine to win. You want to capitalize on those.

And again, I felt like I hit a good putt. Hit the shots coming in that I needed to hit, so I can take some satisfaction from that. But it stings that you can't -- and it sounds like there's a few other guys that can say the same thing. Goose had a little four-, five-footer, I guess, for birdie and Jerry bogeys.

But that's the nature of this out here. You're always in it and you never know what's going to happen. And that's golf, too. You just keep plugging away and you just never know what's going to happen at the end.

**Q. Steve, I'm not sure what more you could do or this tournament could do to bring out the fans and have them enjoy. I mean, you've got the playoff, the concert, everything that happened with the celebrity foursome. I mean, what a weekend.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, yeah, it's going to be hard to top that next year, I guess, but we'll go to work and see what we can do to continue this fun week.

We had a wonderful week. A little weather today, but we're getting it in and getting it done. But yeah, it was a great week. We take a lot of pride and satisfaction from this week knowing that we're going to raise a lot of money to give back to the children's hospital and all these other charities that we support, so that puts a smile on my face.

**Q. They announced the date change for next year. What are your thoughts on that?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, it happens. There's some scheduling -- I know it's the Olympics, I think, is what kind of throws everything off next year. So it's an Olympic year and that pushed some things in different spots.

It's still going to be a good spot. The first week in June, the course should be in good shape. Hopefully we have some warm weather by then. I don't think it will be that big a deal. And school should be still in session, maybe out come the weekend kind of thing. So it should actually be a very good time for us again.

**Q. You're going to have a great champion regardless, but if Jerry can hold off, I know this would mean a lot to him.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Oh, yeah, yeah. I mean, it's -- for one of us to win would have been a great thrill, and he's still got the opportunity. I know a lot of people and fans and friends are pulling for him, and I am, too. I'm going to go in there and watch the finish and see who comes out on top.

**Q. Will this one sting a little more than some of your other close calls?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** You know, yeah, a little bit probably. Like I say, when you have that opportunity in your hands to end it, you want to. That's what you work all day for, all tournament for, just to put yourself in that position to see if you can do it and I wasn't able to do it.

**Q. First time around in regulation you hit a great shot in there. Can you give us your yardage and club?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** I had 152 back up the hill into the wind. I hit a smooth little 7-iron. It was a good yardage, I didn't have to bust it, it just was a nice, smooth 7-iron.

**Q. And how about in the playoff from the rough there?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, it was a thick lie that I had down there. I was just trying to get it chasing up on the green there somewhere. I had 163 and I hit a 7-iron again. Came out a little dead, caught my club, turned it over, but I was in a decent spot. Just a two-putt and get out of there and move on, but it wasn't to be.