

**STEVE STRICKER (-11)**

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**Q.** Steve, I know the other day the first time we met you you were very confident, and you proved to be right on the mark and you win another one.

**STEVE STRICKER:** Well, it was a tough couple days with the weather. The wind proved to be pretty difficult. And yesterday I hung in there, didn't get off to a very good start and then played well on the back side and that kind of kept my momentum going, I think. Today, anytime you're trying to win a golf tournament, it's challenging and tough. You've got nerves to deal with, and when things don't go well you think that you're not going to win. You've got to ride that emotional roller coaster and it was no different today. It was good to come down the stretch and hit the shots that I needed to hit down the stretch and finish it off the way I should.

**Q. Back-to-back on the Champions Tour and you had a good finish at Valspar. What do you kind of credit that consistency to right now?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** I think that's my game. When I start to play well, I'm fairly consistent. I just have been playing well so far this year. I've gotten off to some good starts, played well in a couple PGA TOUR events, and then I've had chances to win out here. Got my first one a couple weeks ago, which helps me here. I mean, anytime you can get yourself in contention and win, it shows that you can do it, it proves to yourself that you can do it. Today was hard, but deep down I knew I could do it. I just did it a couple weeks ago, so that helped me a couple weeks ago to finish it today.

**Q. Take us through today's round, how did things play out for you?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** It's a challenge around here. There's a few good holes that you really have to avoid disaster. There's a couple par 3s that are very difficult. The wind is tricky at times. Made the turn in 1 under and birdied 10 but bogeyed 11. And then the next two key holes, 12 and 13, kind of got me going in the right direction. And then the other par 5, 15, made birdie there, too. So a good back side today.

**Q. Next week you're playing Houston with the goal of playing well there so you can get into Augusta. This has got to be the best way you can enter that stretch?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** For sure, yeah. I've got some confidence. It's hard to win anywhere, I said that at Cologuard, and anytime you can win it provides some confidence at the next level or whatever level you're playing at. For me, that's next week on the regular Tour. So it's a totally different environment, it's different golf, it's a bigger course. It will be a challenge, but I'm in the best possible shape I can be mentally wise. I feel good about my game and I'm going there with a little bit of confidence.