

STEVE STRICKER (-4)

Q. Steve, hate to lead off with this, but the 17th hole there you had a good comeback, but what happened on that double bogey?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I just tried to turn it in there and I just pull-hooked it. And I didn't see it, I just thought it was just left of the green there and it must have got going on the path or something to get all the way back there, but not a good spot. But I should have made bogey out of there. Throwing an extra shot away there hurts a little bit. But did some good things today again, but then just got in my own way again, which seems to be the theme for me this year.

Q. Yeah, doing a lot of good things today, really putting yourself back in contention, but does that 17th kind of leave a bad taste in your mouth?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah. Really, 13 and 15, too. I had it right up in front of the green at 13 and wasn't a great lie in the fairway and didn't handle that very well. Then I hit it in the fairway at 15 basically another not a great lie in the fairway there, either. It was almost like hitting it out of a bunker there at 15. So I didn't handle those two situations very well. And then hit a poor one at 17.

Q. But just to be able to go 4 under for the day, compared to your first two days, what was different about today for you?

STEVE STRICKER: I just made some more putts, and that's the thing that's been, you know, missing out of my game is getting it in the hole a little bit. I chipped in today, I made some really nice putts, then just let it go. When I had the opportunity to put some pressure on the leaders, especially on those par 5s coming in, I just didn't do it.

Q. Were you watching the leaderboard? Did you know how close you were getting?

STEVE STRICKER: No, no. There was no leaderboard until I'm walking up to the green at 15, so I didn't have any idea where I was. I was trying to be as aggressive as I can be and I still thought I needed birdies and all that. So I'm kind of kicking myself looking back at it now that I didn't give myself a little bit better birdie opportunities on those two par 5s.

Q. How about the weather conditions today, kind of different from yesterday?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, complete 180. You know, it was tough to get loose, never felt warm today, so that was a bit of a challenge. And the wind conditions were up and down, so that makes things difficult, too.