

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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STEVE STRICKER (-3)

Q. Steve, solid round today, 3 under par, five birdies, two bogeys. What was working out there today for you?

STEVE STRICKER: It was a bit of a struggle at times. I hit some really wayward shots and I've been struggling a little bit with my iron play, haven't really found a rhythm with that yet. So you add the conditions on to trying to find something makes it a little bit harder. And I struggled with a few shots today, but I hung in there. Hit some good ones when I had to and putted well again, so that's always good to see that. Glad we got it in.

Q. Speaking of good shots, the third shot at 12 after a drive that went left, walk us through that third shot. You ended up making birdie.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah. And Mario, my caddie, he said we can still make a 4 and I'm thinking you haven't seen some of my iron shots yet. Anyways, we hit a 4-iron. I had to turn it around a tree, which is kind of a blessing. I'm having a hard time seeing the shots in general, so this tree was there, I had to hit a draw around there, I had 194 yards back into a little bit of a breeze and it was just a perfect hard 4-iron. It came off nice and fortunately made the five-footer.

Q. One of the things that's a big part of this week is playing back in front of fans again. How was your day playing back in front of actually a lot of fans on a bad day?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I didn't think we would see too many people out here on a day like today, but there was actually a pretty nice crowd out here. That tells you about the people here in South Dakota and Sioux Falls and around the country, we're itching for sports and itching to get out there and watch some live sports. You know, the fans came out today and it was great, a lot of enthusiasm. For me, it really wasn't that much different, I guess. I mean, you've got your head down and you're trying to plug away, but it's definitely better having them here and hats off to them for pulling it off.