

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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STEVE STRICKER



Q. Steve, making your first start here at the Ally Challenge. Just some thoughts on being here. I know you've had a past here with the old Buick Open and so forth.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah.

Q. Just some thoughts on being back.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I'm excited to be here. It's been a long time. I can't remember the last year that I played here, but excited to be here. The course is in great shape, it's firm, greens are pure. So I'm excited to be here and look forward to the week.

Q. You got the win at the Tradition and then you're coming off runner-up finishes in two of your last three starts. Just some comments on what you're feeling good about.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, haven't played a lot. Took a month off after one of those after THE PLAYERS and played Washington, didn't play very well, didn't put very well mainly. But I'm excited to continue to play. It's a good, challenging course. It's got some length for us, but again the fairways are running out. But it's about getting the ball in the hole for all of us out here at this stage. If I can get the putter working, I should be OK.

Q. Anything in particular that motivated you to sign up to come here?

STEVE STRICKER: Just to play, and being that I had been here in the past and I had a great time here before, brings back a lot of great memories. I don't think I ever played very well here on the regular Tour, but enjoyed the area, enjoyed the course and I heard what a great event you guys all put on here, so I wanted to be here.

Q. Have you heard anything about the 17th hole?

STEVE STRICKER: I was there with -- yeah, with the guy from -- well, Miller Brady from the Tour and Dan Sullivan, who runs this event. They said it can get pretty loud and obnoxious I guess at times, but for us that's all good. It's great to have fans to come out and support us, and to play in front of them is a lot of fun also.

Q. How good is it to have the whole family here?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, we're missing Izzi. Our youngest had to stay home to play. They started high school golf already, so she had to stay home. But yeah, Bobbi's on the bag for Mario, Mario's playing, Nicki's here, so it's a lot of fun. This whole year's been a lot of fun

when Mario's been out and playing, and if he's not, he's been caddying for me. So it's been a family affair this year.

Q. Last time we spoke was in Seattle, you were going to be part of a phone call later that afternoon with Captain Davis Love about picks. Can you share any of that?

STEVE STRICKER: I know the top six guys that made it. Other than that, I can't share anything. You know, there's another event that he wants to watch, this week's TOUR Championship, but excited to be a part of that, too. The Presidents Cup is something that we all strive to be a part of whether you're a player or a captain or assistant captain. For me to still be a part of something like that on the regular Tour is pretty cool and I look forward to it. Look forward to trying to help, look forward to hanging out with the guys. I don't get to see much of them anymore since I've been playing mainly out here, so I look forward to being out there and hanging with those guys.