ROUND 3 INTERVIEW August 28, 2022

STEVE STRICKER (-15)



Q. Steve, what a finish there. You birdied four of the last six holes to get a one-shot victory. Throughout the round today the leaderboard was so tight, how much were you watching that leaderboard?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I watched it all the way around. I didn't play that well early on and I told Nicki, I'm like, we've just got to be patient and just keep plugging along. It was a little bit different day, it was windy, it was a little bit harder, I thought. Then I had that stretch of four holes where I made four in a row and that was the difference. I just kept plugging.

Q. Speak of the difference, you've got your good friend Jerry Kelly right there. That putting lesson he gave you two nights ago, does he get a little kickback from that win?

STEVE STRICKER: No, no. It's about time he helps me. You know, I help him all the time.

No, seriously, him and Nicki got me on the putting green after the first round. I didn't putt very good the first round and they noticed a couple things. Jerry got right in there, he helped me. He knows my putting stroke as much as I know his, so we help each other and he came through for me this time. I owe him this one because all of a sudden it clicked and I was off and running.

Q. It's your second win of the year on the PGA Tour Champions. Does this change your goals at all?

STEVE STRICKER: You know, it's always been to try to get up as close as I can to the Schwab Cup, right. Now my daughter's going on second stage of tour school so that changes things because I'm going to be looping and I'm going to be on the bag, so I'm going to probably miss a couple events in there, but I'll keep playing as much as I can and hopefully keep playing well and get as close as I can.

