

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**August 28, 2022**

**STEVE STRICKER (-15)**



**Q. How does this one feel, Steve?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** It feels pretty good. The way I just kind of hung in there today. Didn't really start off that great, hit some wayward shots, just kind of managed my game a little bit getting it around. Didn't really feel good about what I was doing with my swing, just felt off.

Made some good up-and-downs to keep the round going and then made a really silly bogey in the middle of the fairway on No. 12. I had 100 yards, flew it over the green, made a bad bogey. Then I just told Nicki, I said we're still in this. We just keep our head down and keep plugging. Next thing you know, I rattled off four birdies. That was the whole difference in the tournament right there. You know what, just having a good attitude today. When things like I felt weren't going right, that I just kept plugging along and things turned around and I did some good things coming in.

**Q. How about the approach on 18? You had the one-shot lead and you just, you hit that beautifully. The pressure was on really.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, I didn't know what Quigley did in front of me or any of those guys did in front of me, so I knew I just still needed to make a par, so it was important to hit a smart shot and a safe shot. And then I kind of waited to finally see the board and I saw that he made birdie there. So the hardest thing is just trying to two-putt, you know? I knew I win with a two-putt and that's a tough mentality. I did it, though, and it was pretty sweet to win here.

**Q. When you see all three rounds just the top-10 just changing constantly by the hour, did that kind of give you confidence even more, like hey, I'm still in it?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, that's the way it is out here, you're always in it. You can rattle off some birdies. Leaders sometimes -- in any golf tournament whether it's on the PGA Tour or this tour or anywhere else in the world, it's hard to play with a lead and guys will kind of stall out. If you can just keep hanging in there and you never know when things like that four-hole stretch for me, what happened to me today was the difference. You just never know when that's going to come, so you've just got to keep plugging and hopefully things turn around and that's what happened.

**Q. You played here probably a bunch of times during the Buick Open days. What's it mean to win at a course like this with the history that it has with the PGA Tour?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, it's got a great history here, great champions from past Buick

Opens. I don't know how many times I was here, but I definitely was here. It's been a while since I've been here.

I'm looking forward to coming back already, but it is, it's a storied history here at Warwick Hills. The community here opens up their doors for us and the club, the Brody family, the sponsors with Ally and McLaren, it's just, it's a special event because it's like old-school PGA Tour golf right here in these smaller communities. We had one in Milwaukee for a lot of years, too, so it has that similar feel. It's great to be the champion here.

**Q. You played an excellent round yesterday, birdies a smidge or two short of the tournament record. What was your mentality processing what happened yesterday and how did you kind of take that in today to obviously win the whole thing?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, it's always hard to follow up a low round with another low round. The way I started off, I was pretty sluggish and I really didn't have a lot of good shots in me there to start with. Again, just keep your wits about you out here in any golf event and not beat yourself up and knock you down too much. I did a better job of that this week, just staying present and trying to do what I could control and trying to hit some better shots on the way in, and I did, I made some putts. It all came together.

**Q. When you talk about making some putts, you made a birdie on I think it was 4, that was a long distance shot. Did that feel like that gave you some momentum or did you feel pretty good throughout?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** I didn't feel very good early on. I didn't know -- I was hitting too big of hooks, I was pulling them a little bit, I didn't have the wind right on a few shots, just really didn't -- wasn't thinking very well, to be quite honest with you. So I'm proud of the way I hung in there really and just kept plugging along.

**Q. Steve, was it a pretty cool week for the family last week; your daughter gets through first stage and then this week you win?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Right, yeah. I've seen a lot of golf lately. Our family's been going through a lot of golf lately. I caddied for Bobbi last week and that was probably cooler than this. I mean, just to be a part of what she did and to see the enjoyment and the excitement on her face knowing that she's going on to the next stage means a lot to a dad. That was pretty cool. Like I said, I think that was cooler than today. We've had some fun the last few weeks and hopefully we can continue that going forward.

**Q. Some guys can get really stubborn when something's not working and not ask for that advice, but for you to reach out to Jerry, how important was that?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah. And we're friends, we go back a long ways and we help each other out over the years. We know each other's putting stroke and that's what it kind of comes down to is looking at each other.

Like I said, I helped him out a few months ago and he helped me out here on Friday night. He's just a great guy. Our families are friends and we help each other out when we can. What he did for me on Friday meant a lot and means a lot and it proved to be the difference really because I started making some putts after that.

**Q. Can you just explain for us again quickly what exactly --**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, it was just an alignment thing pretty much more than anything. Then really my grip was a little bit weak because I felt like I had strengthened the club in my hand to correct the alignment. Then the ball started rolling and I could start going down my line a little bit better and easier. I just was having a hard time finding the clubface with the putter, it was shooting in all different directions, right and left. I just didn't have any consistency. As soon as we worked with that and Jerry helped me and Nicki was there looking, it was like yeah, it's way better. It clicked with me and I was off and running.