

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**September 10, 2022**



**STEVE STRICKER (-10)**

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**Q. All right, Steve, currently one back off the leader. How did today go for you? What was working?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** I just managed my game well. I didn't hit it the greatest at times. Got them on the greens, made a couple nice saves. I got away with one on No. 11. I blocked a 4-iron, I thought I hit it out of bounds, was underneath the pine trees, it was plugged. So I was able to get a drop and chopped it up there left of the green and got it up and down. Kind of stole one there. That could have been anything.

But all in all, managed my game well, made a couple putts here and there and got myself into it.

**Q. Steve, are you still fighting the turn, still working on --**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah. I mean, we're all fighting something out here, you know. For me, since coming back really not as flexible as when I, you know, from last year to this year, you know, another year of age and just the stuff that I went through, so I'm continually trying to get some more mobility. It's OK on the range and then under the gun and playing it gets a little bit shorter at times, but I continue to work on it.

**Q. Are you pleased where you're at?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah. Shoot, yeah. Health-wise or playing?

**Q. Both.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah. I feel like I'm getting better all the time. I matched my game up with some of the guys that I played with right when I first came back and my length is getting to the point where I'm getting it out there with some length now off the tee and I've got some more power. I've been working hard at home when I do go home still, so my physical part is better and my game is getting better. I'm starting to putt the ball better and that always helps out here.

**Q. How about the atmosphere, gallery, course itself?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, everything's great. This is a legitimate test and it feels like a big tour event with the fans that come out here to support the event. John Daly was playing right behind us, so there was a lot of people following him and sneaking up on us at times. It's a great feel here and great sports fans of St. Louis and the surrounding areas, so it's nice to

be here, nice to play in front of all these people.

**Q. How many times have you won with your wife on the bag and what do you remember about the first time?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** I don't know how many times I've won with her. We talked about it earlier, some caddie made mention to that this week and we don't really even know. We just try to keep doing it, and that's the fun part.

The first one I know vividly and that was the Kemper Open out at TPC Potomac, now I think it's called Avenel. Avenel, yeah, TPC Avenel. So that was in 1996 and remember that day very well.

**Q. Since we're talking about winning, you mentioned on Thursday that you wanted to come out here to win, to compete. You find yourself near the top of the leaderboard now. Is it nice to say this was my goal and this is where I'm at, or is it I've still got plenty of business?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, we've got a lot of work yet to do and tomorrow's going to be a totally different day. The seed's going to go away around, we're going to have some cool conditions and maybe some rain. The wind is going to be out of the complete opposite direction, so the course is going to play totally different. I don't know if anybody's seen the wind direction that we're going to have tomorrow. It will be a learning curve for everybody and it's just one of those days. Probably if it's raining, you're just going to have to keep your wits about you and manage your game and keep plugging away. It probably won't be as easy as it has been the last couple days.