

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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Q. Matt, this is why you're here, this is why you came back to play on PGA TOUR Champions, and now right there at the 54 spot currently.

MATT GOGEL: Yeah. I think that will change, a couple easy holes coming in. I mean, I don't know who out there could bump me or help me, whatever. I didn't play worth a darn this week.

Q. What was it like to be out there with so much on the line, competing?

MATT GOGEL: You know, I didn't even really look at where I was to start the week. I knew I was like 49th, but I think I was 51, and then I saw on the scoreboard yesterday I was like 53. I was like, oh, I've got to probably play pretty well tomorrow, and I didn't, I played terrible and putted terrible. But I don't think that's going to change for me next year much because I'll probably play 10 times whether I've got to qualify or get in on a few.

Q. But you don't know.

MATT GOGEL: No.

Q. We've had guys we've thought were going to leave, not advance, and then anything can happen at this point.

MATT GOGEL: Anything can happen. I also probably skipped four events this year just for family obligations. You know, I played better this year than I did the first couple. I look to play a few -- I'm not going to play full time out here, that's not my deal. Those guys, I'll respect Bernhard and the guys that play 26, 28 events. I'm just like, how do you do it? I've played, what, 14, 13 this year and I'm tired. I'm ready for the year to be over.

So it's a blast out here. I tell you what, Vince, when I was on your side doing television, I thought oh, the Champions Tour, they're just having fun. Some guys are probably pretty good still. I'm blown away how good everybody is out here.

I heard that, but I think -- Sluman even told me my first year, he goes, the competition's -- this was his like 15th year, he said, I've never seen the competition this strong. And it shows week in and week out.

I honestly, I know I'm getting off the topic a little bit, but I think Steve Stricker should have been a Ryder Cup captain pick. I think he was playing exceptionally well. I mean, we've done enough TV, I know what's good, and when you win six times out here and five

runner-ups and his wedge game, his putting and 80 percent of the matches at the Ryder Cup are in a format, a team format, so he's never going to leave his guy hanging. I say my peace, but I think Stricker should have been on the Ryder Cup team, I really do.