

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
**May 9, 2024**

**SEPP STRAKA (-3)**



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**Q. Sepp, are you pleased with the round today?**

**SEPP STRAKA:** Yeah, very happy with the result. I really didn't feel like I played very well today. Kind of drove it really well, iron shots were not really good. Short game kept me in there. Yeah, it played pretty tough out there, so I'm very happy with 3 under.

**Q. We talked about this a little bit at Heritage when you came in and said the same thing, you hadn't played very well but you scored well. Do you feel like that's again the maturation of your game, especially in these bigger tournaments?**

**SEPP STRAKA:** Yeah, I think so. I definitely think that if you can try to improve every part of your game a little bit, then it might save you when one part's not working so well. Like I said, I drove the ball great, which is key on this golf course, especially for me. I've got to hit fairways because it's really long. Didn't hit my irons very well, but my chipping felt really good today. You're always kind of trying to balance it out and hopefully there's more good than bad.

**Q. How soft was the golf course other than the greens, which I know are quite firm?**

**SEPP STRAKA:** Yeah, wasn't getting much roll out there, it was really wet. But like you said, the greens, they're new so they're going to stay firm all week and that's a pretty good challenge. Yeah, I think I did pretty well with the game management today, me and Dewey did.

**Q. What do you think makes Quail Hollow such a unique spot on the schedule every year?**

**SEPP STRAKA:** Yeah, I think it's a very special place. It's a beautiful club, the golf course is outstanding, you always get the best fields. You just kind of think back to all the shots that were hit, the kind of history of having the tournament here. Yeah, it's a very special place to come to every year.

