

ROUND 3 QUOTES
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STEVE STRICKER (-12, lost playoff)

Q. Steve, how do you sum up what you're feeling right now?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, a little disappointed really. I hit some nice shots, made a lot of nice putts today. The one in regulation, the little five-footer in regulation, and I just, I rushed that. I felt some wind coming and I was going to beat the wind and just lost my mind there for a minute.

Yeah, unfortunate to give it away like that, but all in all it was a good week. Got right in there, had some opportunities on that back side that I bogeyed 14 I think it was with a wedge in my hand, and 13, didn't even have a really good look at it. So I had some wedges in my hands, too, that I really should have capitalized on and didn't. Did some good things, but thinking back, a few things that I could have done better with.

Q. It looked like the bunker shot on 14, it looked like you didn't have a great lie, you couldn't spin it really?

STEVE STRICKER: No, and it was all downhill, downwind. I was just trying to make sure I got it on there, make sure I get a look at it. Hit a good putt there, too. Yeah, the wind kind of switched. It must have switched in that area because all of a sudden, we thought it was right to left mainly and it ended up being almost straight down, so we misjudged the wind there. Yeah, it was a tough day again. The wind conditions, they're gusty.

Again, like Ernie said, you're just trying to hold it together on some of the greens. They're fast and if you get out of position they're tricky.

Q. As disappointed as you are, what can you say about the champion here?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, he's a great guy. We've gotten to know him over the years on the Champions Tour. He's a wonderful man, good family man, does a lot for charity. He feels bad winning like that and I feel bad giving it to him like that, but he played well. He strung together I think three birdies on that back side when he had to and he kind of answered the call when he had to because I had a three- or four-shot lead and kind of just let it slip away.

Q. Did it feel like match play a little bit, Steve? You mentioned Wentworth --

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah.

Q. -- yesterday, and Presidents Cup.

STEVE STRICKER: I thought about it again today, I'm like here we go again. It's like I had him down and that was the times, especially like on 13, 14, 15, 16 where I could have kind of closed the door. That's what I should have done and I just didn't do it. I didn't hit it in there close enough, didn't make the putts and hats off to him, he did.

Q. As disappointed as you are, you've got to feel good about coming away with the money raised and now moving to your course?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah. It was a wonderful week again minus the weather, but a good turnout. We had a better day today weather-wise and the crowds were great. The players enjoy coming here. Nate and his team put on a wonderful tournament and so much appreciation I hear from the players just being here. And the course was immaculate, best ever probably since we've been here. All in all, it was a great week.

Q. When it got to four shots, did you change anything? You played with leads before.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah.

Q. I don't know the last time you played with one that large.

STEVE STRICKER: And I didn't even know I had four really. We got put on the clock and that's kind of what changed things in my mind, I started to hurry. I've been put on the clock before and I just know better to take my time, make sure I'm ready, and there was a couple shots where I didn't. Even the last putt there, we weren't on the clock, but I just felt like I rushed a few shots today when I shouldn't have.