

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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STEVE STRICKER (-9)



Q. I'm curious why you never played well here before until today?

STEVE STRICKER: Today I didn't play very well today, I scored well.

Q. What is it about this place that you just seem to put yourself in position?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I don't know, I don't know what it is. It's a tough golf course. You get out of position, you have to rely on your short game a lot and I got out of position quite a bit of times today, quite a few times I should say. Yeah, you've just got to keep grinding it out. It's one of those courses that just keeps coming after you, too. If you're off a little bit, you pay the price.

Q. When we were talking to Robert Karlsson, we heard a giant roar at 18, so could you take us through what happened?

STEVE STRICKER: Drove it just in the left rough barely, tried to hit 3-wood off the tee and drove it in the left rough. Tried to hook it around a tree and it pretty much stayed straight. And I hit it pin high in the rough just to the right, right up on a knob. The ball really wasn't sitting that good. It could have fluffed out, it could have taken off. It came out pretty good. It was going a little fast, but yeah, two chip-ins on that side. Couldn't make a few putts that I had, but ended up chipping in a couple.

Q. Could it have been better?

STEVE STRICKER: No, it was -- yeah, it was a little bit of a struggle at times, just didn't get 'em on the greens, always felt like -- I drove the ball fine, I think I hit eight fairways, eight or nine fairways, which around here is OK. I think I only hit 11 greens, so missed a lot of greens, had to get 'em up and down.

Q. Tell us about the other chip-in.

STEVE STRICKER: That was on 14. Yeah, 14. Drove it in the fairway nice, had a little punch 8-iron, had to keep it away from a tree that overhangs and kind of caught my club in the fairway, turned it out and it just went through, just barely went through, sitting good. That one was a lot easier than this one. I haven't chipped in for a while and to have two chip-ins on that side was pretty good.

Q. I was going to say, when's the last time you did it twice?



STEVE STRICKER: No idea.

Q. Steve, you were talking about your game earlier in the week. Do you feel with these results that you're either, in terms of game or in terms of mental, closer and do you think these 54 holes support that?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, good question. Can I pass on all that? (Laughs.)

Yeah, it's a battle, I'm battling. Mentally I'm battling. Physically at times, my swing, I'm battling. Yeah, probably more mentally more than anything. I just don't have a lot of self belief right now for some reason on the golf course. So I'm battling every shot I feel like, and especially on the greens. I haven't seen a lot of positive things on the greens. Today I did. I made some nice putts. The feeling isn't always the greatest, but I made some nice ones and I'll go work on it some more and see if I can't find some feelings for tomorrow.

