

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

January 31, 2025



SEPP STRAKA (-14)

Q. Is Diet Coke a reward or customary no matter what you shoot?

SEPP STRAKA: It's customary. The scoring guys always have one ready for me when I finish a round, so special treatment.

Q. What was the best part of today?

SEPP STRAKA: It was kind of a team effort, I'd say. Hitting the ball really well early in the round, and then missed a few putts but made some really nice putts, too. So it was just all around a pretty solid day.

Q. Seems like you had (no microphone) weather seems to be turning a little bit. Are you feeling fortunate?

SEPP STRAKA: Yeah, those last four, five holes played a little different. Especially playing into the wind, 16, 17 was pretty tough. Yeah, definitely happy I don't have to play any more holes out there.

Q. How much does that change the course, the wind?

SEPP STRAKA: A lot, yeah. Especially we had zero wind for the first 14 holes, 13 holes, whatever it was. This course, the greens are tiny, but if there's no wind and you're in the fairway you can really take advantage of it. But once you pick up a little bit of wind, it's harder to hit fairways and the greens obviously play a lot smaller.

Q. How much more challenging do you expect it to be tomorrow?

SEPP STRAKA: Yeah, the forecast looks pretty rough. I think it's going to be a lot more challenging. Yeah, looking forward to that challenge.

Q. Are you one of the golfers who has the giant mittens out there?

SEPP STRAKA: No, I don't have the mittens, I just kind of use my pockets a little bit, yeah.

Q. Is it mostly about wind, or how much did cold play a factor the last few holes?

SEPP STRAKA: I think it was mostly wind. Yeah, it was mostly wind. Went from zero to about 20 miles an hour pretty quickly. Took a few holes for me to adjust to it.

Q. (No microphone.)

SEPP STRAKA: Yeah, kind of flu symptoms. Yeah, starting to get a little better.

Q. Is that from -- did you play last week?

SEPP STRAKA: No, no, didn't play last week. No, it wasn't the bug that was going around last week.

Q. What did you have for your second shot on 18 and where did you have to start that?

SEPP STRAKA: I had 208 hole and I just tried to kind of turn a 4-iron into the wind and hold it. So I just started it kind of middle of the green and it just drifted towards right of the green.

Q. Did you hear the forecast, you'll just try to hang on tomorrow and Sunday obviously not a bad forecast?

SEPP STRAKA: Yeah, you've just got to keep trying to execute, keep trying to hit golf shots. When you have chances to make birdies, you still have to be pretty aggressive. Yeah, you've just got to take what the course gives.

Q. Do you feel like you're on a run?

SEPP STRAKA: I don't know. I mean, certainly a six-round run, last six rounds have been pretty nice. Yeah, I mean, no, I would not classify that as a run. I think Scottie Scheffler's on a run. Exactly, walk pretty fast the start of the season.

Q. Is there anything in the offseason that you worked on that you see paying off in this season?

SEPP STRAKA: Yeah, definitely, the putting. Made a few setup changes in my putting and that's really helped out a lot. Palm Springs was the first time in a long time I felt that I had four really good putting rounds in a row. Yeah, I think that's definitely made a huge difference.

Q. What was the setup change?

SEPP STRAKA: Got my hands a little bit higher, strengthened my grip a little bit and went to a smaller, skinnier grip.

Q. You mentioned 16, 17. Was there one specific shot where the wind -- you had to club up?

SEPP STRAKA: Yeah, 16 off the tee, I hit 7-wood and it just got caught by the wind so I

had a lot further in than I thought I would, and then the second shot got hit by the wind more than I thought.

Then 17 I was a little closer, but still just off on the wind. Yeah, those three shots I was kind of struggling to get it right.

Q. What club did you use on 17? Was it one more club than usual?

SEPP STRAKA: Yeah, I hit 6-iron. I think it was 169 pin.

Q. Do they have sodas in the scoring trailer or do they go get one for you?

SEPP STRAKA: They get one for me. I feel pretty special when I walk in there.

Q. How long's this been going on?

SEPP STRAKA: Scrooge is the one that started it and it's probably been going on for three or four years now, so quite a long time.