



Q. First off, I've got to say some success since you've been on the tour, one of the only guys that have been in the top-10 in whatever tournament you play. Do you feel like you're getting close out here?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah. You know, it's a learning curve out here, too, I think a little bit. I've had a couple good opportunities, the first one more so than the second event. Yeah, I'm enjoying being out here. It's good to see the guys that I haven't seen for a while, learn some new courses, go to some areas that I've never been to and play some different courses. That's been fun, so looking forward to this week. Never been here. Just went around for the first time here at Greystone. It's a great track, a lot of fun to play. It's in tremendous shape and should provide a good test for us.

Q. I thought it was very interesting on the couple of holes that we were watching you play, Scott Verplank was very helpful in trying to give you some information. There's competitiveness but there are some respect to what people like to do out here on the tour, right?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, there was. I played with three friends today, Verplank and Willie Wood and Bob Tway. They were all trying to help me out. I've never been here before and those guys have been here and they've gone around here and there's a lot to learn. I didn't have a caddie today who could help me along, so I was just going around there blind. So they were helping me out and telling me where some of the pins have been over the years. It was all helpful, very helpful, and it was fun to play with them.

Q. Your wife's going to help you out this week on the bag. Just talk about that relationship, and does it get tense out there?

STEVE STRICKER: Actually, we've got a great relationship on the golf course. We enjoy being with one another out there. She's very much part of the team even when she's not caddying and she provides a lot of help for me all the time. It's fun. We do it usually once or twice a year. We're going to do it here, and she's excited to do it and I'm excited to have her out there. It will be a little change of pace for me and we're looking forward to it.

Q. With this being a major, are the senses heightened somewhat?

STEVE STRICKER: I think so. Like I said, I've never played in a PGA TOUR Champions major, so this is my first. I hear you get great crowds out here and a lot of support for the tournament and guys like to come here and play, so I'm looking forward to it and looking forward to getting going on Thursday and see what happens.

Q. Steve, coming off THE PLAYERS Championship, guys like you and Vijay,

Bernhard, you made it to the weekend, Vijay did as well I believe. Does that help a little bit, get those four rounds in on a tough course like that?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, very much so. Still feel a little beat up from it. It's a tough track and it takes a lot out of you. It's really demanding both physically and mentally. It's time to get a little rest here, too, these first couple days here, but still I've got a lot of work to do to try to learn here. It's good when you can play a course like that and come right into another big event here on the PGA TOUR Champions. Yeah, it definitely helps.