

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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Steve Stricker (-9)

Q. How annoying was the group behind you today, the rowdy group of the four guys?

STEVE STRICKER: They hit some good shots it looked like. Favre looked like he was smashing it up there, I heard. And somebody hit a good shot in on 17, I don't know who that was. Looked like there was some pretty good golf being played. It's cool to have them here. Generates a lot of buzz amongst the people that came out to watch. You literally have four Hall of Famers there, so it's pretty cool.

Q. Tell us what your mind was through all that. You've got that going on behind you, you've got a guy playing really well in your group who's led from the start, and you've got guys throughout the course moving up that leaderboard. Talk about the focus today.

STEVE STRICKER: You know, it was good. I was pretty focused. I had just a hard time hitting a few iron shots in there. A couple wedges that I normally hit in there to have some birdie putts that I didn't get in there, a couple putts that I didn't make. It was a little bit of a grind out there for me today. A couple tough holes with the wind conditions the way we had it. So it was a good day just to grind it out. Hopefully come back tomorrow a little more charged up. Felt a little lazy and lackadaisical at times, but hopefully I get it all rolling tomorrow.

Q. So you're going to make us ask how late you stayed at the concert last night?

STEVE STRICKER: I was there until the end and then got out of there pretty quickly. But it was fun, it was fun. A great venue. A lot of people came. It was a really cool atmosphere. Something cool about the tournament that incorporates the whole community, which is really neat.

Q. What are you telling yourself as you're going around?

STEVE STRICKER: Just keep plugging. I thought, make a birdie at 15, maybe have an eagle putt at 16. You know, I kept telling myself this next hole we'll get one. And I was patient. I stayed patient for the most part and I hung in there. I'm still 3 back and a lot of golf to play. There's one big day tomorrow to play and I think it's supposed to be a little breezy, a little breezy again tomorrow and pretty much out of the same direction. So you can get it going here, you know. And it's the last day. Somebody may come out of the pack and shoot a good one or the leaders may slow down a little bit, who knows. We'll just have to wait and see, and hopefully I have a good one tomorrow.

Q. You're going to have a chance tomorrow. That's I suppose what you wanted to begin this weekend with the opportunity to be where you are going to be tomorrow morning?

STEVE STRICKER: Right, right. It's tough to win out here. These guys play well. I saw it with Paul Broadhurst today, he played great. But you've just got to keep plugging. Like I said, every hole is a potential birdie out here, so you've just got to keep plugging and maybe you can run off a few in a row and throw in an eagle somewhere maybe. Just keep plugging.

Q. Can you recharge overnight knowing that you've got one round and finally some rest? Is that going to be big tomorrow?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, that's my goal. I'll get out of here. I've been going to practice at home after the rounds and so I've been on my feet a lot lately and I kind of felt it today a little bit. But I'll get out of here today and get a good night's rest. We'll tee off a little bit later tomorrow again, so that will be good. I'll be ready.

Q. Does Verplank take you for dinner then tonight?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, hopefully. The guy played pretty good. It's good to see because he's been battling injury and it's good to see him playing well again.