



FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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Steve Stricker (-12)

Q. You invite Freddie here and he rains on your parade, how do you feel about that?

STEVE STRICKER: That's okay. That's what I said to him walking up the last. I'm like, "Well, if you win now, you have to come back." He's like, "I'll be back." So all good things. It was a great week and we had a great field, and the people came out and supported this event big time again. It was a great week of golf.

Q. When you see a guy like that that's been out for a while and has really struggled to stay out here, you know in a different way what that's like, what do you see when you watch him walk up 18 about to win a golf tournament for the first time playing in five or six weeks?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I think he was off for seven weeks and he hasn't been feeling the greatest. I think he was kind of pointing towards this event to come here and play. I'm happy for him. I know his body doesn't always feel the best, but you wouldn't have known that the way he hit it today going around there and the way he putted. He didn't make any mistakes really. He didn't hit it all that great coming in, but he did what he had to do. But the first 15 holes he was pretty flawless. So yeah, it was good to see. Hopefully, he'll come back.

Q. Is he the kind of guy that you want to be as you close out your playing a career where you can just pick it up, it's like he never left?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah. Well, he's a tremendous talent. He's always been a great player. Why would it stop now, you know, kind of thing. He showed us why he is the type of player that he is and he just was very solid right from the get-go today, played really well. He forced everybody to come and get him and nobody could.

Q. How was your round?

STEVE STRICKER: You know, really never made a putt to speak of. Made one, good saving putt at 17. Kind of squirrely the first five or six, seven holes. On this back side I thought I hit it pretty well. Had three eagle putts today, legitimate makeable ones that I ran over the edge, all three of them. It was tough for me getting the ball in the hole today. It was one of those days where you're trying to press, you're trying to catch him and that makes it harder. It's harder to make putts when you have to and that's kind of where I felt like I was at today, I had to make them and I just didn't.

Q. How tired are you right now?

STEVE STRICKER: I'm tired, I'm tired. This is six out of seven weeks playing, and the last two have been full of excitement and pressure. It's been great, don't get me wrong, but I'm ready for a little time off and get away from the game a little bit and then come back again, recharge and refresh.

Q. Seems like all in all with the concert, yesterday the celebrity foursome and playing well in the tournament and having Freddie be the champion, it was a pretty good week?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, it's a great week. The bottom line is we're raising a ton of money for charity and UW Children's Hospital, so that's what this event is all about. That's why we started this as a foundation. American Family is an unbelievable sponsor and a great company in our community that does everything for the community. This just tops it all off. It was a tremendous week on all counts.

Q. Are you really going to play at Verplank's thing tomorrow?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, getting on a plane tonight to go down and play in his tomorrow, and then I'm done for a while.