

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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STEVE STRICKER (-4)

Q. Steve, Round 2, how are we feeling?

STEVE STRICKER: Had some opportunities there that I didn't really take advantage of, especially on the back nine, 11, 12, 13. Yeah, it was a little bit better today, but didn't really get it in the hole very well at times, but it was better.

Q. On the putting green this morning, you looked maybe like you were still trying to get awake --

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah.

Q. -- and you weren't really showing too much emotion, and then Freddie yells at you, "Love you more," and you walked to the first tee with a smile. At that point did you start to get into it?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah. And talking to Nicki going around there, that's been the problem with me since I've been back is just getting fired up. I missed a little putt at I guess it would have been 13 and hit it in there to three, four feet, missed it. Go back on the tee and beat up the tee a little bit. Then I finally get some energy and emotion, you know. That's what I've been lacking a little bit of, that mentality like I had before. And I don't know why, I just -- yeah, it kind of comes and goes and kind of going through the motions at times. It was better at times today, but still, it's not my fiery self at times.

Q. You've never been a head, shoulder, knees and toes guy as far as ailments like Jerry, but does this illness cause any aches and pains in places that you aren't normally used to dealing with it?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I've got some aches and pains. We don't want to go into all those. I think everybody does, right? It's been a little bit more of a challenge lately and I'm finding out the more that I play, it's getting a little bit harder.

I was pretty prepared coming out when I did for those first three tournaments and then I stopped working out because I play, so it's starting to catch up on me a little bit.

It's all good. I'm progressing, I'm getting better. Yeah, my game is there some days, not other days. And same with how I feel, too. I think that's just where we're at right now for me.

Q. How do you get fired up for tomorrow then considering you're pretty far back and you would need a monstrously low round?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, and I thought I was going to do that today. I mean, I went out there with 8 under in my head and just never really got any momentum. So tomorrow, hopefully, hopefully I can do that and put up a low one. Too far back to win the thing, but to try to get up there and get a top-10 or something.

Q. Steve Flesch said you guys competed against each other in college when he was at Kentucky. What do you remember about him back then? Is his game kind of similar to --

STEVE STRICKER: Oh, yeah, it's the same, kind of the same sweet fluid motion that he has right now as he did back then. Yeah, wonderful player. Very nice guy, too. Fun to be around. I've played with him some lately and he's a wonderful guy and he's playing well.

Q. I just saw your video with Charlie Berens. Have you thought about --

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, do I have an acting career?

Q. That's what I was going to ask you.

STEVE STRICKER: If I had hair like you and I could --

Q. Are you not fired up for rounds because you're worried about the next career?

STEVE STRICKER: No, I'm not worried about that career at all.

Q. Was that fun to do?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, it was fun. You shoot in all these little snippets and they make you look good. I know his trick now, but he's a funny guy, he was great to be around and it was a lot of fun really.

Q. Did he do something here early this week?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, we did something on Tuesday or Wednesday. I think it was Tuesday.

Q. But besides the snippet, did he perform?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, he performed for our pro-am pairings party at the Edgewater on Tuesday.

Q. Did you hang around your daughters much this morning and how excited were they to split duties with Mario on the bag?

STEVE STRICKER: Nope. Bobbi was coming back from a wedding up in Minneapolis, so I didn't see her at all. Izzi was still in bed when I left. That's the unfortunate thing of having an early tee time. No, I didn't see them. Did Bobbi make it to switch up?

Q. She made it to switch up on the first tee. Izzi was 3 under with Mario on the bag, so a little pressure on Bobby.

STEVE STRICKER: Very good.

Q. (Inaudible). Doesn't matter really, do you appreciate the fact that he comes out and --

STEVE STRICKER: Oh, yeah, yeah, very much so. You know, we've kind of wanted that relationship from the start and I think he slowed down on his own outing a little bit and brought his people over to our side and we incorporated the Andy North & Friends into this outing that we're doing today. Yeah, it's important that he's here and helping us out as well. And Jerry's playing and we're all here doing something, so it's good.