

STEVE STRICKER

Q. Nine birdies, that's some round you put together.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, we had a goal today of getting to 8-under, which would have been 12. Hit a ball in the water at 3, which kind of derailed things, but played well. Played well all day. Just that one little misstep on No. 3 probably cost me. He's playing so good, though. Doesn't look like he's going to come back at all.

Q. You come out and you shoot this incredible round, and it looks like it still is going to be a little bit short. Just the way he played all week, just talk about Steven's play.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, well, I played with him the first round. He played steady, putted it well, shot 6-under that first round. Then obviously yesterday was just a survival test weather-wise. But you know, it's meant to be for him here really. His caddie passing a few months ago already, big Houston guy, and he's got a lot of -- I saw some Houston Astro workman jerseys walking around the course today, saw some at breakfast this morning. It's good that he's going to win here. It's kind of destiny, and it's a feel-good story.

Q. This will be the second year it looks like you're going to finish second. Two years in a row coming in second place here.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I enjoy The Woodlands. I enjoy this golf course. It gets your attention on some of the holes. The wind is tricky. Trying to pull the right club is tricky, and you've just got to manage your way around here and hit some quality shots. It's in great shape, and yeah, I enjoyed the area. We stay over here by Marketplace or market something -- the Marriott Waterway there. There's a lot to do, a lot of places to eat. It's a nice area to be. I'll be back. I'll definitely be back.

Q. You're having a heck of a year. You've had a top 10 every tournament you've played this year.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, it's been a good start. I put it all together that first week, and then I just really haven't put it all together in subsequent tournaments. But I'm doing a lot of good things each and every week. But to win, you've got to put it all together out here, and that's what I need to do again to win. That's what a guy like Steven Alker is doing this week.

I had three water balls this week and a couple of two-putts, and you can't do that if you're going to win.

