

ROUND 2 QUOTES
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STEVE STRICKER (-14)

Q. Steve, defending champion here, 64 today, what was the key to today's round?

STEVE STRICKER: I just played really solid all the way around, gave myself some opportunities, made some really nice putts. Missed a couple that I wish I could have made, but all in all drove it in the fairway, got it up and down when I did miss a green. So no bogeys, anytime you can go around anywhere and not make a bogey, it's a good feeling. Alker's playing good and Harrison's up there, so we're going to need another good one tomorrow.

Q. With the two of them hanging around, it looks like Alker's leading by two right now, what's your mindset going into tomorrow?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, you know, the weather's been perfect, the course is in perfect shape, so you're going to have to make some birdies. But it will be fun to get in that last group and at least you know what the guys are doing that you're playing with. So I'm excited to have the opportunity again tomorrow.

Q. What does it say having the last two winners of the Charles Schwab Cup up towards the top of the leaderboard?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I think he's been playing well the last few years and so have I. It's good to see us both come into the new year playing well again and it's good to get off to a good start. We've got one more day. And he'll be tough to catch. He plays well and he makes putts, just a good solid player, so I'm going to have to have my good stuff to catch him.

Q. When you looked at the weather before yesterday's start and see there's no wind, do you know in your mind, OK, you've got to go low every day?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, you kind of get that feeling where you've got to take care of the par 5s here for sure, maybe throw an eagle in there. Par 3s are good here and I was able to sneak a couple birdies over these last couple of days in on those.

But it's a course where if you drive it in play, you're going to have some opportunities. A lot of short irons, reachable par 5s, you have the opportunity here to go, low but you still have to play well to do it. But you're right, when the wind lays down like this, you're going to have to go out there and put up a good number.

Q. Are you happy with where your game's at at this time of the year?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, it's pretty good. I'm pretty happy the way I came out here and played these last couple days. Everything feels -- I hit a couple squirrely shots here and there, but overall it's been pretty solid.