

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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STEVE STRICKER (-8)

Q. On 17, Mario got a hole-in-one.

STEVE STRICKER: Today? Did he really?

Q. Yeah.

STEVE STRICKER: Oh, my gosh, how cool. Looks like he doesn't like it. Oh, my gosh, how cool. He's not even that excited.

Q. He said he couldn't see it.

STEVE STRICKER: Oh, he couldn't see it. That is so cool. Good for him. What did he shoot today?

Q. Plus one, but --

STEVE STRICKER: Hole-in-one. He can buy dinner then. He bought last night, he can buy again.

Q. I'll show you his scorecard.

STEVE STRICKER: So he teed off on the back first. Wow, birdie, birdie, eagle, hole-in-one. That's pretty good.

Q. He said he needed more and that was the first of many because that was his first one on Champs.

OK. Well, 5 under for you today. Just takeaways from Round 2.

STEVE STRICKER: It was a good day. I had some opportunities that I kind of let slip by, but overall hit the ball really nicely, hit it solid, gave myself a lot of opportunities and it was a good, solid round.

Q. Were the conditions a factor yesterday? What adjustments did you make from yesterday to today?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, I went to the range last night, worked on a few things that I hadn't been doing very well and I took them to the course today, which is always a good thing. You never know if you can, but I felt like I did. I swung it a lot more aggressively.

It's tricky to putt around here. We're on the side of a mountain really so you feel like some putts are really going to go and they don't. I see some guys scratching their heads, and I did that a couple times today, too. That's kind of the challenging part.

Q. And just talk to me about the overall mission of this. You see fans out there wearing blue today raising awareness. Just the impact of this entire tournament, what does that mean to you to be able to help Jerry and raise awareness?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, Kevin Conroy, who's the CEO of Exact Sciences, was giving a talk the other night. The amount of tests that have been performed since we first started this event to where we are now is incredible. The word's getting out, people are taking it, they're finding out, they're getting kind of in control of their health if they have to. What a great thing that they're doing.

It's a Madison-based company, so I feel really proud of that, that they're here doing that and raising that awareness. And like I said, like you said actually, a lot of people are showing the support by wearing blue today.