

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**March 24, 2018**



**STEVE STRICKER (-7)**

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**Q. Steve, I know the other day when you met the media you were talking about how you felt good, your game was really going well, and this is proving it's still going well.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** It's really close.

**Q. It doesn't look that close.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** I'm giving you a hard time. You know what, it was a tough day today, it was a grind out there. The wind made it very difficult. The greens are very quick, you just had to hit some shots. I made a couple putts on the back side that got things going bit for me, so in a good spot heading into tomorrow.

**Q. No. 13 had to have been the shot of the day?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** The par 5?

**Q. Yeah, the par 5. Walk us through what you were trying to do on that putt.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Just trying to get it up there in a three-foot circle really around that hole. The wind was blowing pretty good at the time, and there's a lot of variables. Up the hill, it had a pretty big break to it. Just tried to lag it up there. Sometimes those are the ones that you end up making. Fortunately that went in and that really got me going. Birdied the hole before, so really just hung in there and had a couple good holes to get me to 3 under.

**Q. How long would you estimate that to be?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** It had to be -- well, it was 26 on or whatever the pin -- I think the pin was 26 on, and I was on the front fringe, so yeah, it's a long putt, 75, 80 feet.

**Q. This is your third start on PGA TOUR Champions this year, you'll play in the final group for the third time this season. Is there a comfort level that comes with being in that position so frequently?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** You know, it's always a challenge to win anywhere. I'm glad I was able to win a couple weeks ago at Tucson at the Cologuard Classic. That helped me a little bit I think this week. I don't feel as much pressure, but still feel the pressure to try to win. I mean, so it will be a challenge tomorrow for everybody who's up around the lead. I think we're going to get a little breezy day again tomorrow and the greens are still fast and it will be a challenge.

