

STEVE STRICKER (-4)

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**Q. Solid round out there. What was working today?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** You know, just getting it around and managing my game I think like I always do. You get in the wrong position here with the greens being so fast and you're going to be in trouble. I did that a couple times today. 17 was not a very good shot, but overall I gave myself a lot of opportunities, hit a lot of greens in regulation and snuck a few putts in there at times.

**Q. Speaking of the greens, is this some of the fastest greens you've seen in quite some time?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, it is. I called Nicki this week and I said I think we're playing at Augusta, they're fast. You get on the wrong side, you get above it and you're putting it down there defensively just trying to get it around the hole.

**Q. You got the big win in Tucson, you got that monkey off your back where you lost to Lehman a year before. What does that win do for you, one, but also will that influence you to maybe play a little bit more here on the PGA TOUR Champions?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, good question. It's good to get that off my shoulders, for sure, getting that first win, and that was eating at me a little bit. Where I'm going to play is still a mystery to me, too. I feel like I need to play both places and I feel like each tour helps the other tour. I learn a lot out on the big tour still that I can come here and apply it here, and vice versa. So I enjoy playing at both places, and let me know where I should go because it's a challenge for me.

**Q. I do know you're playing in Houston next week, so what will you take away from Houston? That's a big golf course compared to when you come out here, 7,000 yards and 7,600 in Houston. What do you take away when you go back on the PGA TOUR?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** This is a big course here, too. I told Tommy Lamb, my caddie, today that these greens may be quicker than next week. It's good preparation for Houston. Houston's a big course. I enjoy going there. And trying to get into Augusta, so that means I have to win Houston to get in but that's why I'm going there. Try to play well and do well there.