

**STEVE STRICKER ( -12)**

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**Q. Steve, thanks for joining us, 68 today. Just your thoughts on the round?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, I let a couple get away at times, didn't really get it in the fairway all that well today. One of those rounds where it kind of was a bit of a struggle, but again, I'm tied for the lead and got an opportunity for tomorrow. Hopefully get a little sharper tomorrow and have some more opportunities.

**Q. Steve, you got off to a hot start, you birdied 2, you birdied 3. What happened -- I mean, you pulled your tee ball, still made par, birdied 5. I mean, things are going OK, another Steve round.**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, just nothing happened, you know? I drove it in the rough and then wasn't, you know -- drove it bad on 8 left behind the tree, had no play really. Drove it bad at 18, had no play. And these are birdie holes, you know? And 12 I drove it good actually in the fairway and then wedged -- hit a nice wedge and bounced it off the pin, goes in the fringe and don't make birdie there. Some of those things happened today and wasn't quite as sharp. But again, no bogeys today, which was a positive, and still right in there with a good opportunity for tomorrow.

**Q. How hard is it after shooting 64 to come back with another one?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Yeah, I got off to such a good start, like you said, I was 3 under through five and off and running. Drove it in the bunker at 7, scrambled to make par there and that's another birdie hole. Some of those birdie holes that you want putts at, 10 feet or so, I'm getting them up and down for par. So I've got to clean that up for tomorrow if I'm going to have a chance to win.

**Q. Will you clean that up or are you done for the day?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** No, I'm done for the day. It's hot, it's a big walk up and down the hills around here, so I think I'm better served just to get some rest and then come back fresh in the morning.

**Q. Is there a number tomorrow?**

**STEVE STRICKER:** You know, I don't know. I mean, there's good scores out there. The course is in great shape, the greens are pure, they're soft still so you can be aggressive. I don't know. I'm sure you're going to have to shoot that 6, 7, 8 under round even from our position to have a chance to win.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**STEVE STRICKER:** Oh, yeah, great guys, I played with them a bunch over the years. Look forward to that. Yeah, it really doesn't matter who I play with, just got to stick to your own game, your own game plan and do the best you can.