# Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship

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### **Richard Sterne**

**Quick Quotes** 



RICHARD STERNE: Yeah, pretty happy. A bit of a slow start. Didn't really have much going, and then a decent finish on back nine so that helps a lot.

## Q. How key was patience to getting through that slow start to put together a decent round?

RICHARD STERNE: It's pretty sometimes because you feel like the guys are scoring. I tried to just keep giving myself chances and fortunately made a few decent putts. Nothing too long, but made the ones I should have made on the back nine and that really helps.

#### Q. What is the key to scoring around here?

RICHARD STERNE: Yeah, I mean, the par 5s are something you've got to take advantage of. They are mostly reachable except 18 today for myself, which I fortunately played pretty well this week. Then just try and hang in there on a couple of the tough holes.

### Q. The course itself is in immaculate condition, and the way that it's playing, the scores.

RICHARD STERNE: I don't think I've ever seen a golf course like this. I think the fairways are probably the best I've ever seen, and congrats to the whole team for doing that. Abu Dhabi is a special place to play, and the weather has been great. That's probably why the scoring is so low with a lot of guys under par and the wind has been down. It gives good scoring conditions.

### Q. Just how comfortable are you on the course and how much does it suit your game?

RICHARD STERNE: It's only the second time I've played here. So I don't really know the course all that well, but I did enjoy it when I was here last time. I think I missed the cut by one or so but I did enjoy the place.



And I'm looking forward to this week and the weekend, what's coming up. So far, I feel comfortable and hopefully I can do a couple of good things.

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