U.S. Senior Open Championship

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Steve Stricker

Quick Quotes

THE MODERATOR: Steve Stricker, 2-over 73. Just talk us through your round a bit.

STEVE STRICKER: It wasn't really what I had in mind today. Got off to a good start. Number 6 kind of jumped up and got me again today. I hit a beautiful 3-wood, I thought. I thought I could cover that tree that's on the corner, and rattled in there and kicked it over into the woods and ended up making a bogey there when you're trying to get a birdie opportunity there.

And just some sloppy play at times. I didn't make any putts, didn't get it up and down. I thought I hit it a little bit more solid today and just made too many mistakes.

Q. What did you see out of Padraig today?

STEVE STRICKER: He played great. Very aggressive, drove it a long ways. When he did drive it into trouble, he seemed to hit a great recovery shot out and give himself a look at birdie and sometimes made a birdie.

So he played great, hit a lot of great shots. Even when he was in trouble, he really wasn't in trouble.

Q. Just curious, of all the things that players at your level hate, where does bogeying a par-5 rank?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, and I doubled it yesterday. Played that hole 2 over, and I was right in the middle of the fairway there today.

Yeah, that's right up there with -- the worst things you can do at our level is make a bogey on a par-5.

Especially when I feel like I'm playing well and got some momentum, and all of a sudden you walk off there deflated. So that was a tough one.

Just some other things. Fatting it right in the middle of the 15 after driving it on the fairway. Had a tough little number.



I was almost too close, had to try to get underneath it and wasn't sitting great. Just caught more grass than ball. Then don't get that up and down.

Just a lot of mistakes today.

Q. Still a lot of fan support out there. Just heard it from here. Speak a little bit about that.

STEVE STRICKER: It's a wonderful attended event. I mean, they're supporting this U.S. Open immensely, so it's fun to play here. It's fun to be a part of this. A lot of good energy from the crowd.

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