Regions Tradition | Day 3

Steve Stricker

Rounds of 65, 68, and 66, opening up a three shot lead. You joked yesterday that you didn't feel good about the 68, but I'm going to make the assumption that you feel a little better today? Yeah, I feel better today. When you're playing with the lead it's always tough to go out there and to be aggressive and put up a low number, but for the most part I did fairly well today. I had a little stretch at 10 and 11 where I didn't play very well, but other than that I hit the ball nicely, kept it in play, and gave myself some opportunities.

You've made it well known the last few months that you have a different perspective on golf given what you went through for three months. Now you have a three shot lead going into Sunday in a major, is that perspective going to be tested at all tonight? It always is when you have the lead, but my perspective is my perspective and I don't think that's going to change. I went through a lot during that time period, learned a lot, and I don't take anything for granted let alone a lead overnight. I just have to keep going out there and doing what I'm doing and hopefully it'll be good enough tomorrow.

Was that your first time playing with Padraid (Harrington) since the Ryder Cup? If so, how'd it qo?

Yeah it was. We're great friends, he's a great guy, he doesn't take anything personal. But we did do him up in Whistling Straights, that shows what kind of class of player and guy he is. We had a good time out there.

What is it about this golf course that you really like?

I don't know what it is, if it just fits my eye, if a lot of the shots feel good, or what it is. There's a lot of par-5s, my wedge game has been good this week and it's given myself some of the opportunities I've had and I've taken advantage of those. I'm not really sure (what it is about Greystone), I enjoy the area, I enjoy coming here, I enjoy the heat. It's a nice play to come.

Do you know what you're going to go do now?

I'm going to go hit a couple of balls, there we're a couple of shots I didn't really like. For the most part it was pretty good again.