Steve Stricker | Regions Tradition | Day 2

Opening Statement

It was a good, solid round. I really had it going again today and I got it to five-under after we made the turn backwards. So we went to the front and birdied the par three number 4 to get it to five-under, then went to the par 5 and three putted and that put a little skid into my round really quick. All-in-all I did a lot good things again, played out of the fairway a lot, and gave myself some good looks so it was another good day.

I guess anytime someone shoots 65 to open a tournament you're setting yourself up for disappointment looking for something bigger. You still shoot 68 today, do you feel as proud as you did yesterday?

No, it was three shots worst. But I'm looking at the big picture and that I played well again, hit the ball and drove it better than I did yesterday, believe it or not, so the score doesn't reflect what I did yesterday, but all-in-all I feel good about what I did today.

How much do you enjoy playing with a lead, especially after two days of a tournament? This is a unique tournament because it's four rounds, we're not used to playing four rounds, so it's more of a marathon so you have to keep plugging along. Today was a really important day, but we still have two more rounds. It's a marathon so you have to keep pacing yourself. My goal is to keep going out and doing what I've been doing every day, play smart, put it in the fairway and go from there. I'm really not looking at the leaderboard, if I have a huge lead or don't have it at all I'm just trying to go out and do the things I know I'm capable of doing.

This is your third week in a row, how are you feeling?

I feel pretty good. I hit some balls after the round yesterday, I had quite a bit of energy. I was a little more fatigued this morning waking up, but I'm going to get out of here now and rest. I think the next couple of days are paramount so I feel good. I'm excited to keep playing and that's a good thing.

It's not as hot today, I know you said you like it when it's in the 90s?! No, this is just right today. It was perfect, not a lot of wind.