

Pre-Tournament | Steve Stricker | May 10

Q: What does it mean to be back as the defending champion, and what are you looking forward to?

Steve Stricker: It's always nice to be back, they do a great job every year with the tournament. Today in our pro-am there was a lot of people that came out and supported it, a lot of celebrities. They do it right here, it's fun, and it's fun to be back.

Q: What have you been working on with your game? And how does this course play well to your game?

Steve Stricker: I've had some success here and I enjoy the layout. You have to take care of your ball, there's a lot of water that comes into play, and a lot of elevation changes so you have to pay attention, keep it in the fairway, and knock it on the greens. The course is always in great shape, I enjoy the area, and the warm weather, this is our really our first warm weather event of the year. It's nice to be here and get loose.

Q: From a charitable aspect of this tournament, we see the bikes around, the Regions signs, and then Children's Hospital of Alabama is the primary beneficiary. What has the tour brought to this community? And what does it mean to you to have these kids out here and be able to sign autographs and have them look up to you?

Steve Stricker: I met some of the kids this morning that have unfortunately been to Children's Hospital, and I know personally how important that is because we do the same thing in our hometown event of Madison, Wisconsin at the AmFam Championship, we give back to the hospital so we know how important that is. It's no different here, there's kids that are sick and need the help so for us to come in here and help raise money for that group and other organizations across this area is meaningful for us as players.

Q: It was announced that Freddie was added to the team. What does that mean and what does his addition mean to the group?

Steve Stricker: Freddie is the best, right? We all love being around him, the players love having him around, we're all friends, and it's a comfortable feeling to have Freddie around. We're all excited to have him and to be a part of the team officially. We all kind of knew he would be part of the team, but now it's official and it's all good.