

STEVE STRICKER (-3)

Q. Jerry came through and gave you all the credit for what you did for him yesterday. Can you walk us through what you actually helped him with?

STEVE STRICKER: You know, I've been around Jerry a long time and I've seen his tendencies with his putting. We've been teammates in Shark Shootouts, stuff like that. So I know he's been struggling and he asked a couple questions and I just gave him really a 20-minute or a half hour little checkup really. Told him a couple things that I saw, tried to instill some confidence in him saying that it looked pretty good, the things that we worked on there on the putting green.

But really, he's just a friend and just trying to help him out and to see him play well again is cool to see him up on the board. So I knew he must have putted well when I saw 7 under on the board from Jerry, so that was good to see.

Q. You do know he's the defending champ at your place?

STEVE STRICKER: Oh, yeah, I'm well aware. We kid around, if we could just beat Jerry, we're going to do all right next week. It looks like he's rounding into form and going to play well there, too. Yeah, he'll be tough to beat, especially if he gets the putter going.

Q. You've also helped other people, players with their putting like Langer. Why do they come to you?

STEVE STRICKER: I don't know. Maybe they think I putt well or they like seeing what I do or just the simplicity of what I'm all about when I putt maybe interests them. I've helped other guys that haven't done so well, too, so those guys don't come out of the woodwork and say that I've helped them. So they don't all pan out to be good lessons, but I'm always willing to help and it's fun to see him pull it out today.

Q. What do you like about this course, the event, Des Moines?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, this is my first time here, so it's a lot to get used to. The course is tricky, there's a lot of blind shots so I kind of found myself kind of learning as I went around again today. But I enjoy the area. It's the Midwest feel, a lot like where I grew up in Wisconsin. Nice people, nice event. They raise a lot of money for charity, which is always nice to see and important for us to be here.