

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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STEVE STRICKER

Q. This is your second year here, you obviously had a lot of success early season this year. How do you think your game's shaping up for Top of the Rock and this tournament?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, we're excited to be here. Jerry Kelly's been my partner, second year for us here. We always enjoy playing with one another and we love coming here, it's a great spot, beautiful area. Wish it was a little bit warmer this year, but it's a special place so we always look forward to coming.

Q. And as far as your second year of the tournament, is there more of a comfort level, you've been here before, you know the procedure?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, a little bit, but we weren't able to play Buffalo Ridge last year because of the weather. The weather threw kind of a monkey wrench into everything last year. So yeah, this year it looks like weather could play a part again on Sunday. Yeah, we tried to learn the courses, we've been to all of them already and put in our time and we're ready to get going.

Q. How much fun is it -- you mentioned the team aspect of this. How much fun is it for you guys to get out and be able to get with a guy that you know and enjoy playing with in kind of a different format?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, that's why you see everybody here because we all enjoy doing that. This is our only opportunity for the year. Jerry and I are actually playing in the Zurich Classic next week on the big Tour so it gives us another opportunity, which is fun. That's what makes these events special and that's why you see all the guys here.

Q. As far as the setting here with all the courses and everything, was it an easy call to come back this year after your first time here last year?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, it was an easy call. We talked to each other right at the start of the year setting our calendar.

Q. I think I talked to you last year about the setting and all that.

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah, you find yourself -- I haven't been here yet this year, I was up at the top -- Mountain Top, Buffalo Ridge. You find yourself just looking at just the landscape, the mountains, the valleys, everything around. This is even more of a special view over here. Yeah, you find yourself enjoying the scenery, for sure.

Q. Then you've got Coore-Crenshaw coming up this year and Payne's Valley with Tiger Woods next year, seems like it could be a steady rise for this area?

STEVE STRICKER: Yeah. They've got a tremendous amount of courses to play and good courses at that. It's a great destination for people to come to play, for sure.