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Stricker has made Edgerton proud

By Bob Samuelson
 Special to the Lakes Edition

Steve Stricker has been a winner at every level in his golf career.

He was the 1984 WIAA state champion as a junior at Edgerton High School and then went on to win the Wisconsin State Open in 1987, 1990, 1991, 1998 and again in 2000.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Illinois, Stricker earned All-American honors with the Illini in both 1988 and 1989.

He turned pro and began his career in the Canadian Professional Golf Tour, where he won two tournaments.

Stricker joined the PGA Tour in 1994 and currently ranks 15th with career earnings totaling \$50.6 million. He has 25 professional wins, including 12 on the PGA Tour. His PGA Tour earnings total \$42.4 million.

He recorded one of his biggest victories when he won the WGC Match Play Championship in 2001.

Stricker went through a slump and lost his PGA Tour card in 2004. At the age of 39, he relied on sponsor exemptions to get into tournaments but still managed seven top-10 finishes and was voted the tour's comeback Player of the Year in 2006.

He won the same award in 2007 after finishing as runner-up to Tiger Woods in the FedEx Cup playoffs. Stricker won



Steve Stricker finishing a swing. (File photo)

The Barclays, which is the first of the four FedEx Cup playoff events.

Stricker was also named to the Presidents Cup team in 2007.

His most successful season came at the age of 42 in 2009 when he posted victories at the Crowne Plaza Invitational, John Deere Classic and the Deutsche Bank Championships and finished runner-up on the PGA money list. His three wins moved him up to No. 2 in the world rankings.

Another highlight of the 2009 season came at the Bob Hope Classic when he shot third and fourth rounds of 61 and 62 to set a 36-hole PGA scoring record of 123.

He won two more times in both 2010 and 2011.

Stricker shot a career-low 60 in the first round of the John Deere Classic in 2010. He followed that

with rounds of 66 and 62 to set a record 54-hole total of 188.

He added another prestigious title to his resume with a victory in the Memorial Tournament. He also tied a major championship record with a 63 in the first round of the PGA Championship.

Stricker started 2012 with a win in the season-opening Tournament of

Champions at Kapalua on Maui.

The 51-year-old Stricker joined the PGA Champions Tour in 2017 and finished second in his first event, which was the Tucson Conquistadors Classic. He would put himself back in the winner's circle at the Colouard Classic on March 4 and the Rapiscan Systems Classic on March 25 of 2018.



Steve Stricker honed his golf skills at the University of Illinois before turning pro. (Photo courtesy of the University of Illinois)

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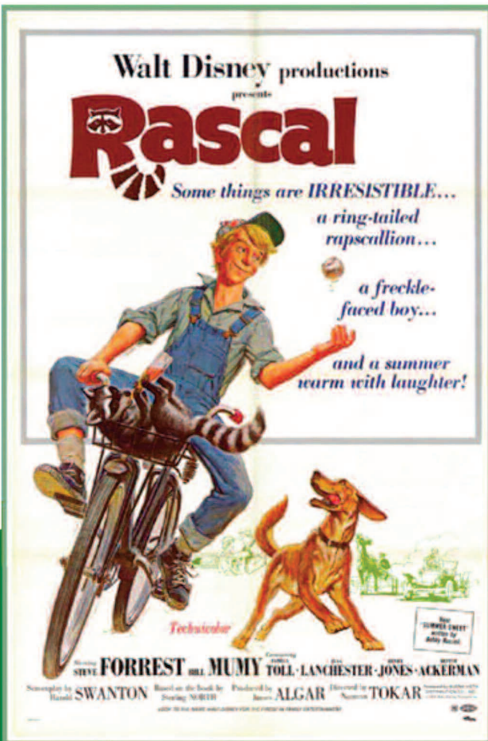
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