

TROPHY PRESENTATION
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ERNIE ELS (-12, won playoff)

ERNIE ELS: Wow, Steve, Nicki, Izzi, Bobbi, what can I say? You guys are great. I've known you since you were born. I've known you guys for over 30 years, and you guys run a hell of a golf tournament with a great sponsor, American Family Insurance Group, on a great golf course.

It was an absolute privilege to play with Steve and Nicki today and the first day. I kind of know running tournaments, there's a lot of other pressure on you and to play as good as you did, Steve, is really incredible. We should still be going, but let's not talk about that. You're a great player, a great friend and it's just been a great week.

I want to thank everybody for coming out this week. The greens staff, I don't know where you guys are, but man, these greens are unbelievable. I think Steve will concur these are definitely the best greens we play on tour, definitely the quickest. And playing in this wind today, it was very challenging. I was just trying to kind of keep my wits with me. I made some soft bogeys on the front nine, but for some reason I think Steve, he felt like I needed to win this one. It's been a great week.

Again, the sponsors, everybody involved here, the golf club, University Ridge, the University of Wisconsin. Staying downtown in Madison, it's a great city you have. Congratulations, I love spending time here.

Yeah, give yourself applause.

And now we're going to Steve's golf course next year in a team event and I'm really looking forward to coming back. So thank you so much and thank you to American Family.