

**ROUND 3 QUOTES**  
**June 9, 2024**



**ERNIE ELS (-12, won playoff)**

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**Q. Wow, what a turn of events there, Ernie. Second win in a row, I know that that's got to feel good. Coming off that 11th green after you missed that little birdie putt, what did you self talk going to 12th tee?**

**ERNIE ELS:** Yeah, thanks, Johnny. Yeah, I didn't make anything. I've been so defensive on the greens, you see how quick they are, windy. I'm 6-4, I'm getting blown all over. I just said to myself make solid contact for goodness sake. Stop looking up and trying to guide it in there. Rich, my caddie, has been reading the greens well, so I made a couple.

But yeah, what can I say? I'm just shocked right now. I really feel for Steve. What a great guy.

**Q. Yeah, exactly, the host going for his second in a row. I know that you've had the lead or tied for the lead in the last four events, but you got through the finish line here in the last two. What really has changed?**

**ERNIE ELS:** Yeah, John, just you've got to just play proper golf and you've got to make some putts at the end of the day. I feel a lot better with my putting. Playing with Steve Stricker, you feel like you don't putt very well. I know I'm putting well, I'm striking it good, I'm just hanging in there and trying to get my chances where they come.

**Q. Congratulations again. Appreciate your time, and you played proper golf.**

**ERNIE ELS:** Thanks, my man.