

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
March 7, 2025



ERNIE ELS (-5)

Q. Ernie, after kind of a little up-and-down round with these conditions, 5 under, not bad. Just kind of assess your round and how it was today.

ERNIE ELS: It was tough. I mean, when we started out it wasn't too bad weather-wise, but our back nine it just started getting cold and the wind picked up.

I felt like I really hit the ball decent. It's quite a narrow golf course for me. I felt like I swung the club well. Left some shots out on the front nine, a couple shots that I bogeyed actually and I got away with one on 13. It could have been really bad, got away with a bogey there. Then I had a great finish. All went my way on the back nine. To be two out of the lead, I'm very satisfied.

Q. How hard is it to get comfortable in these conditions?

ERNIE ELS: Well, man, I went through four hand warmers today. I don't have any thermal, which I probably needed today. It was cold. I mean, I don't know what it is now, it feels like 45. Down in Florida when it's like this, we don't play golf.