

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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ERNIE ELS (-15)

Q. Ernie, you enter tomorrow tied atop the lead. Just tell us about today's round.

ERNIE ELS: Yeah, it was a great round. We had a really good three-0ball, Vijay played great and Jerry played great, myself, a lot of birdies so had good momentum going. Yeah, all in all, turned out a pretty solid day.

Q. Career round here at this place.

ERNIE ELS: Really?

Q. Yeah.

ERNIE ELS: There you go.

Q. On 18 --

ERNIE ELS: Yeah, I had a 3-iron. I was thinking 4-iron but then I went a little cutty 3-iron, you want to play it safe. If you hit it through the green in that bunker it's a tough shot, as you saw with Vijay. I thought I hit a really good shot but then I thought the grass was going to hold the ball a bit more on the putt. But I hit a good coming-back putt. 18's a tricky hole. I might lay up there tomorrow.

Q. I haven't seen that pin placement, that hole location.

ERNIE ELS: Yeah, that's a tight one, there's not a lot of room there. Great hole.

Q. Did you feel pretty good coming in this morning when the round started?

ERNIE ELS: Yeah, I felt good. Touch wood, you know, there's a good chiro there, that's why I want to rush to him now. He's local, he's really good and he's been looking after us this week. Loving the weather. When it's warm I feel loose and I can go after it, so we'll see how it goes.

Q. You never played much here when it was a PGA TOUR event, but since you've been here on the Senior Tour you've had great results here. Is it just a course that fits you?

ERNIE ELS: I think so. You know, you've got to hit good drives, you've got to drive it well. You've got to be a good solid ball-striker, kind of Greg Norman was known for that. This



week the greens are a little softer so you can be a little more aggressive, so I think that's why scoring is a little bit better this year. It's all in all a good course. They have it in great shape. This is one of the courses we play that's always in great shape so we've got to give the greenkeeper 10 out of 10.

Q. And you and Jerry will be in the same group tomorrow. Do you like that, or out here anybody can shoot a great number and come in? How do you keep focused on what --

ERNIE ELS: Exactly, you've just got to play we're tied up there now. Somebody could come out of the pack tomorrow and shoot a good front nine and he could be tied with us if we don't get momentum going.

You've got to just keep it in front of you and play, see what happens on the back nine. Hopefully you're in with a chance. There's obviously going to be good weather tomorrow and there's going to be a lot of birdies made, so got to keep the foot down.

