

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**ERNIE ELS (-11)**



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**Q. Ernie, another bogey free round today, 67. Comments on your play today and being able to keep the scorecard clean through the first 36 holes.**

**ERNIE ELS:** Well, that's never a goal of mine, to keep a clean scorecard, it just happened that way but it's nice, means I'm playing solid. A little scrappy coming in. I was really trying to hammer a drive on 18 and kind of made a bit of a mess of it. It's the only hole I was out of position. Just trying to keep it in position, play the shots and see what the golf course gives me, so I'm being patient.

**Q. What were you dealing with with that tree on 18?**

**ERNIE ELS:** Yeah, I was trying to go for the hero shot and as it turned out, I should have just maybe laid up with a shorter iron and wedged it in. Trying to hit a big old hook in there. Hopefully that's the end of that. Get going tomorrow.

**Q. And what were the conditions like today and maybe how they differed from yesterday?**

**ERNIE ELS:** Just a joy. I mean, the golf course is just so pure. The weather conditions have been just absolutely fabulous. Tomorrow we're getting a little bit more breeze, it's going to be a little bit more challenging. It's just a wonderful venue. I think everybody's sad we're not coming back, but it's really been a nice couple years playing here.

**Q. You've had some strong results here in the past, obviously not a win yet, but what about this course do you think suits your game?**

**ERNIE ELS:** I just think it's the conditioning. It's a classic layout and they look after the golf course very well. The green keeping is excellent. It's just a quality place and I just like coming here. This time of the year we get pretty nice conditions, so all in all I just always liked it. I've shot 63 here in the past one year in the final round, so love to do that tomorrow.

**Q. Knowing you're working with a couple strokes going into the final round, what's the mindset with that knowing everyone's going to be trying to chase you?**

**ERNIE ELS:** Well, it's going to be difficult tomorrow. I saw most of the flag positions we have for tomorrow. Not too bad but there's a couple of tricky ones. It's going to be tough conditions but I like that. Last week we had tough conditions, I kind of play good in that tougher stuff. You've just got to put one foot in front of the other and see where we go.

**Q. Since last Sunday your game has been spot on.**

**ERNIE ELS:** Yeah, yeah. I've been (indiscernible). Yeah, I played good last weekend in tough conditions Saturday and Sunday and I've brought it, yeah. Things feel good. I feel like the strike is good on the ball and the putter is also pretty good. You know, have it all to play for tomorrow, looking forward to it.