

PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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ERNIE ELS (-10)

Q. Ernie, great start today with a 62, tying the low 18-hole score here. Tell us about it.

ERNIE ELS: Yeah. Listen, you shoot 62, you should have a smile on your face. So I'm happy obviously, things went my way. I hit it quite well and obviously made a lot of putts. So just one of those rounds that you just want to keep going kind of a thing.

Long way to go, lot of good scoring out there, so got to keep going depending on weather, what the weather does. It's the first round and we've got two rounds to go.

Q. With your performance at Regions and the Senior PGA, did you feel momentum coming into this week?

ERNIE ELS: Yeah, I've been trending in the right direction. Started hitting the ball nicely the last couple weeks that I played, Birmingham was nice and obviously last week in Benton Harbor was good, just wanted to keep that going. I've seen the new changes in the course and just felt comfortable.

Q. What of those changes kind of stood out to you compared to when you played it last?

ERNIE ELS: Yeah, the bunkering is quite dramatic. There's a lot of slope in the fairways and they've put the bunkers into the slope, so there's a lot of elevation that you have to clear in a lot of the bunkers.

But it looks good, you know. They got it in good shape, the greens are looking good. I don't know how the members are going to play it, good luck, there's some tricky holes, but they've done a very good job.

