

REGIONS TRADITION ROUND 3 | ERNIE ELS

Q: Another great round you put together today, had a great couple saves, started with that eagle, just assess your round going into tomorrow.

Els: Yeah it was a tough day. We were kind of sizing each other up, myself and Steve, and I made that great eagle on two. I'm really finding it tough to read some of these putts. I made a soft bogey on five and it really set me back. You know, terrible tee shot on eight, almost unplayable. I made five there, I kind of scrambled it around. I feel like I'm still playing pretty well. I had a couple of mud balls, so that veered off target a little bit, but hey, it's all to play for tomorrow and I'm in a good position.

Q: Why did this course play hard today?

Els: The flag positions were tough. I think by putting out flags that are really major flags, you know, and a lot of slopes. It is tough to really be aggressive on the greens, getting a little firmer. Greens were a lot faster today, so I think guys were defensive on the greens today.

Q: Were you a little more nervous because of the spectator you had with you?

Els: Ben's been talking all week that he wants to come to Greystone, and he wants to walk a couple of holes with Dad. So, he's a little noisy as you guys know but he was out there to walk the first two and I made eagle, and he walked some more holes.