

REGIONS TRADITION ROUND 2 | ERNIE ELS

Q: All right, Ernie, just assess the first two rounds for me.

Els: Feels like we were out there a long time, you know, even last week going into this week. But anyway, it was a long day, but I kind of hung in there. I got off to a go. Good start to finish off my round I made three birdies to finish off and then continued some solid play. The course is playing really long but, anyway, I'm kind of in a good position and heading into the weekend in the right direction.

Q: So this being your fourth appearance each year you've improved by one place and also by three strokes so you have to say like headed into the weekend you gotta be looking good with that.

Els: Well I'm playing with in good company. Steve Stricker is obviously the king around here at the moment. He's won three or four times. He's got the tournament record so probably playing with him tomorrow so I need to keep the pace up with Steve and try and make him work hard for this one. He's always got a lot of momentum on this course, but at least we're heading in a good direction.

Q: What is it about this course you think that you've gained that you like so much?

Els: Well, I drove it well the last few days and my iron play got sharper. You can always make more putts, but I've been putting OK. So, it's been quite consistent, and I just want to keep that trend. And you know we've got two rounds to go.