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SECOND ROUND
ERNIE ELS (-6, 65)

MODERATOR: Just talk about the round today.

ELS: It was a scoring day. You'll see quite a few lower scores today, less wind and receptive golf course. I think I hit every green kind of a thing and made some putts here and there. I kept it in play. It was just one of those days when I got a bit more aggressive.

MODERATOR: It'll be more of the same tomorrow.

ELS: It depends on the conditions. If the wind blows like yesterday, then you're going to hit some shots. You're going to hit some trick shots. But if it's like this, you're going to see some low scoring. I mean, the golf course is in great shape now. The greens are rolling nice. The guys are going to kind of heat it up.

MODERATOR: Was there a key moment around for you at all today?

ELS: Well, I started off with two birdies. I didn't hit a great second shot on the first hole, but I up and downed it from a difficult spot for birdie. Second hole, I missed the fairway and he had a little shot through the trees and I made birdie there, which is kind of a bonus. And then birdieing the last two holes, not birdieing 16. 16 is such an easy part of five and I came up short. They didn't make birdie, but birdieing the last two gives me at least a sniff at it. I think the guys will probably finish at nine, hopefully nothing more than nine.

QUESTION: And you got one guy at eight, you've been chasing him for a little while. Just talking about Bernhard and how tough he is here.

LANGER: Brilliant. Today was, as I say, Bernhard's so tough on any tournament, but especially, yeah, seems like he's won here more than almost any other tournament. So, yeah, he's going to be a factor, whatever the conditions tomorrow. What is he, 66? Still chasing him?