



**Ernie Els**  
**Round 3 Interview Transcript**  
**67-66-71 (-12)**

**May 10, 2026**

**Question: A good tournament. Real good.**

**Ernie Els Answer:**

*Yeah. I just couldn't buy a putt this afternoon. I don't know. You know, the greens being cut at probably seven this morning, it's an all-day growth, you know? So they're all a little different. But I'm not blaming the greens, okay? I think the golf course is unbelievable. But I just couldn't quite get my pace on the greens. But, you know, I'm positive, I hit the ball pretty decent.*

**Question: I thought you recovered pretty good on that 18, ended up with a birdie?**

**Ernie Els Answer:**

*I know. On 17 I never had the right club off the tee all week. And I tried to just ease up on the 3-iron, I hit it dead right, and the second shot was pretty bad. So that was the end of my tournament. But, yeah, 18 made up for it, you know, hitting a little cut shot out of there and making a putt eventually.*

**Question: Nothing wrong with top two.**

**Ernie Els Answer:**

*Yeah.*

**Question: I mean, number one is best, but..**

**Ernie Els Answer:**

*I've had a lot of those. But, listen, it was a good week. It was good playing in Houston. I mean, this whole team, Insperity, Bryan, everybody involved, just an absolutely class event.*

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