

# Chubb Classic presented by SERVPRO

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Tiburón Golf Club

## Ernie Els

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**Q. Great incoming eight holes I would say. What flipped the script for you?**

ERNIE ELS: John, I mean, I was a little in first gear there for a long time. Made a nice birdie on 9 and I didn't put a 3-iron in the bag. I had a 2- and 4-iron. I hit that shot on 10 way left, so that wasn't good.

Wasn't swinging that great. Got a great up and down on the next hole, 11. Then I made birdie on the par-5. Then I started hitting some good shots.

But I got to step it up a little bit. You know, the guys are going to score well this weekend.

**Q. Yeah, you say you didn't play that great but you're only one off the lead. This weekend, what's it going to take?**

ERNIE ELS: Let's look at the weather. It's beautiful now, really hot. Let's see what the wind does. I see the wind might blow on Sunday a little bit out of the north. Just want to stay in it, kind of in striking distance with the guys, and see what the leaderboard is doing.

There are a lot of guys bunched up, probably 20 guys within two or three shots. Probably play itself out by Sunday afternoon. Just want to stay in the mix.

**Q. You've been all over the globe the last month or so. How is the body feeling?**

ERNIE ELS: Yeah, I was a little tight again. I was tight in Morocco and got it going. Had some good treatment Sunday and Monday with my man Tom Bush from Georgia. I think I'm going to be okay.

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