



**ERNIE ELS (-8)**

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**Q. Just sum up your week here at the CIMB.**

**ERNIE ELS:** It was a great week. I mean, to get it in in four rounds, no rain, unbelievable. People are great, sponsors. Really feel at home here. We built two Els Clubs here, so got a really good affinity with Malaysia and the people. Yeah, just been a really awesome week. Pity I didn't get it going today, but it's fine. Just nice to get an invite to play and play with the guys, which was great.

**Q. Putting on your Presidents Cup captain's cap, Leishman's on the leaderboard, you've got Sharma there, Grillo there, you've got Louis there. Just your thoughts about seeing that?**

**ERNIE ELS:** Those are the type of guys we want on the team. Leish is a superstar, Shubhankar is getting there. I mean, Grillo's been knocking on the door. Yeah, these guys, they're going to be the backbone of the team. They played last year and Shubhankar could play it this year, so it could be a real different team, young team, a lot of Asian players, a lot of international players, so looking forward to going with some fresh troops.

**Q. You played the first two rounds with Cameron Smith. Some thoughts about Cam?**

**ERNIE ELS:** Yeah, he's also world class now, Australian, very familiar with Royal Melbourne and the sandhill links, so he could be another star player down there. He could be a guy to really lean on. Even if he doesn't make the team, he's probably going to be a pick.

You know, we just want to see how these guys develop, and there's still a long way to go, but I'm looking forward to fresh faces. And the veterans, hopefully they're playing good.

**Q. Did you have a chance to catch up with a few of the members in Kuala Lumpur this week when you were here?**

**ERNIE ELS:** Yeah, yeah, I've been watching them. Obviously I'm good friends with the South Africans so we've been hanging out a little bit and playing with the youngsters as we say. Looking around and being an honorary member of the Asian Tour and I'll be playing some more events, I'm playing Mauritius, so I'll be looking at some Asian players and just putting my eye on really looking on a broad spectrum.