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#### **How he won it by a neck**

NEW Open champion Ernie Els was wearing a high-tech stress-busting pendant when he won at Muirfield, which had been given to him just three weeks earlier.

Els has joined a growing number of more than 200 leading golfers, including world No. 1 Tiger Woods and 2001 Open Champion David Duval, in wearing the device round his neck.

The QLink pendant professes to reduce stress and boost energy. Els was given one to wear and has seen instant results, coming through the tense four man play-off to win on Sunday.

Surprise package Gary Evans, who shot a stunning 65 to come within a shot of the play-off, was also wearing a QLink pendant, which contains 75ft of wound copper wire. He held his nerve to sink a 50ft putt for a remarkable par on the 17th after losing his ball.

"I have felt more at peace with myself and much calmer in pressure situations, both on and off the golf course," Evans said recently.

At Muirfield, 17 players wore a QLink pendant and 13 made the halfway cut.