

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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JERRY KELLY

Q. Welcome. This is your first appearance here. How does it feel to be out here?

JERRY KELLY: First appearance on the Champions, but I have a long history here. I was dying to get back last year. My son's graduation kind of took precedent, but now I get to come back to a place where I had some PGA TOUR success.

Q. And this year you've had great success winning the first tournament, and since then you've had a couple top-10s. Can you talk about that and what that means leading up to this tournament?

JERRY KELLY: Well, I feel like I've had one week of success this year. I've pretty much lost everything once I went to the AT&T, which tends to happen. I get long and I just get out of sync trying to do something on those big golf courses for me.

So it's been a struggle to get back to where I feel like I am this week; this being the first week of me kind of feeling something like I'm back, like I'm normal again. But I also had some -- a lot of family issues in between. It's been a tough year so far.

Q. And you're No. 2 on the Charles Schwab Cup. How do you get to No. 1? I know it helps Stricker not being here, but what do you have to do this week to get there?

JERRY KELLY: You've just got to win. You've got to come out with the mindset that you're trying to win every single week, wherever it filters out. When it looks like you're not going to win on the back nine on Sunday, you try and make a couple birdies just to improve your spot. I mean, you never stop, you just keep going.

Q. Is there something about this course that you remember, a way you're going to have to play it or a certain hole that you don't or do like?

JERRY KELLY: I really love everything about it. It's kind of like the old-style golf courses. You can play it along the ground a whole lot more than you can with today's style of golf courses, so it suits me with my draw. And I can hit it low and penetrating if I need to if it's windy and still get away with it on a course like this. I like playing the last bunch of holes aggressive. They're tough holes with a lot of trouble, but I feel like to be aggressive on them is the way to go.

Q. People have been talking about that 14th hole out here. How do you get around that?

JERRY KELLY: 14? The par 3?

Q. Yeah, with all those bunkers and the water, yeah.

JERRY KELLY: It's a par 3. It's an iron shot, you know? I mean, 17 is much tougher, 18 is much tougher. You've got to hit great tee shots on both 17 and 18 to set up what is still a difficult second shot. You've got a ball on the tee on 15, I'm fine with that. Doesn't mean that the wind coming into your face makes it a tough shot. But no, there's a lot more trouble out there than when you have the ball on a tee.