

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JERRY KELLY (-7)

Q. Jerry, you've played well of late and obviously you come in here with a good vibe to begin with. How did that combination suit you today, and did that have a lot to do with kind of why you were able to get into a rhythm and stay there?

JERRY KELLY: Well, I didn't really get into a rhythm early. I birdied the first hole, which really settled me pretty good. Then I had probably one of the hardest fairway bunker shots I've ever had in my life. It was downhill, side hill, lip in front. It was so far below me that the heel was just sitting there and I'm trying to just cut a 7-iron out. I'm happy it got out.

I didn't play the par 5s particularly well. I topped a shot as well on like 6 or whatever. To get this golf course at 7 without getting the par 5s, that gives me promise. It lets me know that there's still more in there.

Yeah, I've just got to settle myself into every round and let things come to me, because I'm playing good now.

Q. Can you take us through the evolution of your season in terms of how you felt, and are you to the point now where you almost feel 100 percent?

JERRY KELLY: The funny thing is, I mean, this week, just the last three days really I haven't really felt it much, even on the ones where I go down and dig it out of the turf. I totally felt it in Japan, even opening doors in D.C. after Japan. So, I mean, it's really been -- it's been getting better all the time. I'm really excited about the way it feels this week. I mean, there's just not much to, you know, to complain about with that. I've just got to get back in shape.

Q. You mentioned getting off to a good start here. Obviously 7 under in the clubhouse is the leader. So what happened? How were you able to kind of follow through on what you had hoped to be able to do?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, it was doing exactly what I said. Just kind of settling at the beginning of the round, because I know I can get overly anxious. So I settled myself a little bit. I felt good, but I knew the swing wasn't quite there. I definitely found something on my mis-hit on 9 with the 3-wood taught me a lot. The back side, I did something different but closer to what I've been doing the last month or so that has given me some results, and I couldn't find it until then.

Really slapping it on the front side and making two really good pars on par 5s, which could have easily been bogeys, both of them. Then I knew I could just go get something after that,

especially when the swing started clicking I was ready, because the putter was working.

Q. Is that why the four birdies in six holes there on 10 through 15?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, yeah. I mean, the swing started feeling good and the putter was already there. Yeah, I just had to wait for that swing thought to kind of come to me and click in. Good thing I missed that 3-wood so bad, I never would have found it.

Q. Moving forward, does having the lead after one help your mindset or does that build up your own --

JERRY KELLY: No, it's never going to hurt you. I love the juices, I just have to learn how to control them. I never will control them, that's just my M.O. I'll just do my best every single time.

No, you've got to feel good. When you shoot the lowest round and you're playing well, there's no negatives to that whatsoever. It's just go out and do it again two more days. No medals on Fridays.

Q. Are you a guy who looks at your record of late and says, "I'm due," or do you look at it and think something else in terms of trying to get to where you want to get to?

JERRY KELLY: I don't have to look at my record. I'm ready. It's been a long time since my last win. I'm healthy and I'm trending, I'm ready to get going. I do have to put some work in, though. I'm well out of shape from all the injuries. You know, this is promising coming back without the pain, but I still have a lot of work to do to mold this into shape.

Q. Steve's going to the concert tonight. I know in the past you have not gone, you've had friends over. (Inaudible.)

JERRY KELLY: I tried to get Steve to get me extra tickets and he said, "Sorry, we're all sold out."

No, I think we'll show up tonight. Toby's awesome. I love .38 Special, too. In fact, we were joking last night, that was my mantra for today, "Hold on loosely, don't let go, baby."

Q. Kirk Triplett was in here trying to turn the Wisconsin crowd against you by saying that you bought -- purchased a house in Arizona. Do you want to respond to that?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I definitely have gone to the dark side for a few months of the year. It got increasingly hard as I got older. I can't go out there. Even though I went into minus 35, there's too many times that I want to go out in 35-degree weather when it's sunny and calm. I mean, that feels like 55 in Florida. So I've done that too many times and I think that's kind of caused some, I don't know, some strains that I've had just over-practicing in really cold weather. I need to go somewhere where it's warm. And my wife is tired of being

in a suitcase in hotels and then all of a sudden renting for that long and packing everything up. It's like, let's just get a place.

Hey, I'm not getting rid of this one, no. I'm in Madison, so it's good.