

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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JERRY KELLY

LAURA VESCOVI: Jerry, thanks for joining us in the interview room. We're here at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship where you're ranked No. 2 in the standings. So what's your mentality going into this week? I know we were just out there talking with Scott and you guys are obviously very friendly, but looking ahead to your game and the round, where's your head at?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, that doesn't change anything when we're on the golf course. We play an individual sport and I'm going to get after it as hard as I can, it doesn't matter who's up there. To me, I'm No. 2 trying to get to No. 1 and that's all there is to it.

LAURA VESCOVI: And you certainly closed the gap over the past few tournaments. Scott was leading substantially for a while and you really came up from behind. So what keys to your game have been working and where has everything been coming together for you?

JERRY KELLY: Just getting some strength back and feeling much healthier, that's the big thing. That puts me in a better mental state so I'm able to go through an entire tournament with the same kind of swing thoughts, the same kind of feels. I haven't been able to do that for a long time, so it feels really good.

Q. So you're healthy right now. Last year in Richmond you were having some issues at the first Playoffs event, so now you're feeling good?

JERRY KELLY: I had surgery the day after the season. My knee was bad, I blew it out right after the U.S. Open last year. While I was playing on one knee, I tore my elbow, so that's the one that's been harder to come back from. But I'm feeling good now, that's all that matters.

Q. Jerry, you like things nice and simple. Is this as simple as you can have it this week?

JERRY KELLY: Absolutely. And I had to play pretty well to make it simple. You just go out, win the golf tournament and you've got a really good chance.

Q. How does this course work for you? How does it set up? Have you played it well in the past?

JERRY KELLY: I've been hurt the last two years playing here, so this is the first time I've felt good coming into it. I'm really looking forward to it because I can actually hit it longer than some of the long players out here because I'm going to hit more drivers than most. I

like to funnel it through the bunkers rather than keep it short of them. So in some terms I can hit it further on a hole than some of the longer hitters that may lay back. It will play into my hands a little bit more, but I've got to get the ball in the fairway while I do that.

Q. Madison's home, but now you have a house here. Are you staying here this week? Does it feel like a home game?

JERRY KELLY: It does. I mean, it really does. I've really taken to this town, I really enjoy it. There's so much around me down there in Pleasant Valley, I've really enjoyed our time. We haven't spent a ton of time, but we're definitely going to spend the next five weeks here, the entire offseason, and really get to know it.

Q. No more scorpions?

JERRY KELLY: I give a plug to the Seal Out Scorpions people because they did a fantastic job. The first couple times I was here and I was black-lighting that place and I found hundreds. I mean, there was construction right next door, so they were everywhere. It was freaking us out. I got bit my first night trying to catch one, trying to pinch it, and he said, "Nope, I'm going to get you instead." You know, I can't find one anymore. They've done a great job. My wife's very happy with that.

Q. Have you had a chance to get together and play golf with Archie Bradley?

JERRY KELLY: Not for a while. Yeah, it's been a while.

Q. (Inaudible) a couple years ago, you guys were talking about emotion and you really helped him a lot talking about being uncomfortable, not getting too comfortable, getting to that next level of uncomfortable. I think he took that to heart, had a couple great years.

JERRY KELLY: Good, good, I'm glad. Yeah, there's a couple more players in the area that -- there's so many great players around here. Yeah, it's a hotbed, there's no question. When the youth can take some things in, it's a good thing, there's no question.

Q. What does this course remind you of of places that you used to play on the PGA TOUR?

JERRY KELLY: You know, it doesn't look like Harbour Town, but it kind of plays like this where you've got to play on half the fairway it seems like on a lot of different holes. And then some of the iron shots in, they'll put them on some of the edges and they're fairly small greens, so at least the areas where they put the pins are. But it can bring back a little Colonial feel, too.

Q. I think Hualalai when I just look at it.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, yeah, I'm glad you said that because I could definitely put that one in there as well, no question. I wish it was running like Hualalai.

LAURA VESCOVI: Well, thank you for joining us. Good luck this week.