

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**JERRY KELLY**

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**MODERATOR:** Defending this week at Hualalai. Are you excited to be back?

**KELLY:** Of course. You know it was kind of cheating last year because I wasn't a rookie on this golf course. Uh, this is where I come to warm up for The Sony. I had probably more course knowledge than most of the guys playing in the tournament. I've been coming here for almost 15 years. I love it here.

**MODERATOR:** How are you feeling? When was your surgery?

**KELLY:** Surgery was the first week in November, right when we finished up the season. I came back and two days later I had it. My knee has bounced back really well, uh what I did to my elbow at the end of the season, that last two and a half months that's still hanging around. So I've still got issues to deal with, I'm still not strong enough and just started jogging like yesterday and the day before for the first time. And just short distances, just impact feels and things like that but I'm really happy – shout out to Dr. Behr, thanks buddy.

One challenge post-surgery is that I had to change my swing. I got to put the new swing to the test at Sony and I'll continue to work on it here this week.

**MODERATOR:** That must have been hard to change your swing at this point in your career.

**KELLY:** It was scary, really scary.

**MODERATOR:** Have you set any goals for the 2019 season?

**KELLY:** I always set the same goals every single year. It's kind of a latter approach. On the PGA TOUR at first it would be in the top 125, then it would be a win. Then it would be, you know, win a major, then it would be multiple wins, then it would be... but it would always culminate with number one on the money list that year. That's basically all we're trying to do is start the year number one, finish the

year number one. I mean that's what we're playing for. So, my goals never change year to year and we're at zero starting out every single year. So, you can either look at it like you're in last place or you're in first place. And right now I'm in first and uh, you know, I'd like to keep it all the way through... that's our job.