ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: JERRY KELLY. (-9)

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Q. You climbed your way up the leaderboard. What changed today as opposed to yesterday's round?

JERRY KELLY: Well, you know, we worked hard the last couple weeks, worked hard last night, and I showed up this morning and it was the same stuff that I was doing even yesterday. So I just had to stop. We had to find one thing and I just kind of quieted my eyes down and kept it at impact a little bit longer, and lo and behold, my club caught up to my eyes and I could actually feel it going past me. It was one of those things, I know I turned around a lot, but I just have to have quiet eyes. My body can move, but my eyes can't, so that was a great thing to find.

Q. Yeah, we talked a little bit before the tournament about you changing your swing post surgery. How's that been going?

JERRY KELLY: I mean, today was the first time that I was actually able to use everything that my brother-in-law and swing coach, Jim Schuman, and Harry Sese, my trainer, you know, he built -- they both built me in different ways, one strength-wise and the other one swing-wise. Today was the first time it really came out, so hopefully we can really move forward and just keep getting better with this, so I'm kind of excited.

Q. Are you still finding your way with it, because last week at Sony you looked like you were on your way to making -- playing through the weekend and then --

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, but I didn't have --

Q. Was that a different situation?

JERRY KELLY: I got really tired in that one. Monday was my first 18 holes in seven weeks and it was the first time I had walked. I mean, I'm still tired, but my swing was all over the place, too. It just wasn't me. This is as close to feeling like I want to feel. So moving forward I'm excited of where I can go.

Q. Talk a little bit about your eagle on 4.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I mean, that hole's got me the last bunch of years. I haven't really gotten a hold of it. Another terrible par yesterday just trying to two putt from 40 feet for par. So to get one to stop at that pin placement, that was really fun. Rolled in. It was only about a five-, six-footer.

Q. How about the celebration on that hole?

JERRY KELLY: Aaron likes to keep things up and keep it going. I like bringing a little football atmosphere to golf. You know, just trying to keep up with his game and what he can do, you know, I'm just scratching the bottom of a shoe. It's kind of fun to have him out here.

Q. I was going to say, is it pretty cool to have him out here?

JERRY KELLY: Absolutely. No, it's really cool. It just shows the kind of friend he is to stop by on his way. I think it's pretty cool.