ROUND 2 INTERVIEW June 1, 2019

JERRY KELLY (-10)



Q. Felt like it could have been maybe even a lot more. There were a lot of opportunities. I mean, assess kind of the whole run of it today, I suppose.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I'm starting to hit the ball well. The health is really coming back, so I'm feeling strong in the right part of the year. I haven't put those low ones together yet. I'm striking it like I can and I'm hitting my lines putting, too, but they just don't seem to be dropping. I know it will happen soon. I'm starting to feel confidence.

Q. Say you're behind four or five shots, I don't know what it will be, but do you change your approach?

JERRY KELLY: No, no. I hit driver anyway because I'm a straight player, so I'll play as aggressive as I have to. But it will be driver everywhere, so it will seem like I'm aggressive, but it's just my normal game plan. I hit a lot of good shots that just skipped through. You know, it surprised me how the greens firmed up today, especially on those shorter shots where I usually generate a lot of spin, so I'll adjust tomorrow and go forward.

Q. How much of a difference would you say in the firmness from yesterday?

JERRY KELLY: It was a lot. It was really a lot, the last three days especially. I mean, from that slop-fest on Thursday to what we're playing with now, I didn't think the course was going to look like this even by the end of the week, so they've done a fantastic job. The grounds crew deserves a ton of credit this week. It was awesome.

Q. Some guys have said they're hitting more drivers because of the wet conditions than they normally do.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, that's true.

Q. You have always hit more drivers when you play here.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, absolutely, but normally you would never hit driver on 1 and I'm even hitting driver there. So the softness is making that possible. When it's firm, these valleys and hills can wreak havoc. You have to place it pretty well.

Q. Pretty easy to think of you coming out tomorrow and --

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, there's a 10 under out there. Yeah, if I strike it the way I did and putted the way I did, they'd just fall instead of just missing. Yeah, that kind of score's out

there. You know, the only way that he can hide is to, you know, birdie another one coming up and be up by 6 and shoot 6 under tomorrow, and it's going to be tough to shoot a 57. That's all there is to it. He's playing great and he's a bomber, so he's got short stuff into all the par 5s. It's tough to catch him, but it's possible.