

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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Jerry Kelly (-4)

Q. Jerry, extra adrenaline today, and if so, how did you bring it down?

JERRY KELLY: I only had real adrenaline going on the first two holes. Once I two-putted from 80 feet, then I settled into the round. Hit a great shot on the next one and played really well until just an uphill lob wedge and I got into the turf a little bit too much. I thought I hit a good shot but I came up short. Then a really easy up-and-down that I should have made. And then I thought I hit a perfect drive on 16 and it hit the tree. Luckily, my brother found it, otherwise I would have been re-teeing so I guess I should be happy.

Q. Was it fun out there today?

JERRY KELLY: It was fun. I mean, the people were fantastic as always, and I got it going early. I got the good feelings of being in Wisconsin and playing well. You know, it's hard to keep it up all the way through, so hopefully that was my bad nine and I can have 36 more holes of great golf.

Q. We talked about it yesterday, is it hard with everybody -- you know how it is in Wisconsin -- cheering your name?

JERRY KELLY: No, I like it better. I play off of emotion, I play off of adrenaline. I need that and they gave it to me and it was fun. I just kind of -- it took it out of me on one of the easiest shots of the day. I've just got to hit it past the pin and spin it back. Chunked it short and missed an easy up-and-down. It stalled me. Then I hit it bad on the next hole and the next hole. So it was not my best, but it was the start that I wanted at least and we'll see if we can take it deep the next couple.

Q. What did you hit on 12?

JERRY KELLY: Once it released we thought it was going in. That was, I mean, a little 5-iron, just chipping it out of the wind. I thought if I got anything else up in the air, it just wasn't going to get there. Yeah, that was a nice shot.

Q. And you almost had another one on the other side?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah. I mean, it was four to six inches on 3 with a little 6-iron. Yep, I'm going to go work on my 4-iron, that wasn't very good. I'm going to go work on my lob wedge and my driver and hit a few putts and that should clean it all up.

Q. Unique pairing for you. Can you describe how fun it was, or was it competitive?

How was it with you guys?

JERRY KELLY: No. I mean, we're brothers-in-law, we're great friends. There's never been any animosity between us. I mean, we are just pulling for the other one and playing our own games.

It was definitely weird because I wanted to -- I wanted to help him, I wanted to pump him, up, but you've got to stay true to your game. You just can't fall into that trap no matter what. It's an individual sport. It's great to be out there with him. I thought about it, you know, if this was Sunday and we were both walking up the 18th, that would be really cool, but it was nice just being in the tournament playing with him.

Q. So have you ever played a tournament round with him before?

JERRY KELLY: Not since the Madison City probably. He kicked my butt then, too.

Q. What year would that have been?

JERRY KELLY: Oh, I don't even want to count.

Q. Are you going to the concert tonight? Are you going to hang out? What are you going to do?

JERRY KELLY: I'm definitely going to the concert tonight. I've got some family going over there and we'll have a good time. Darius is awesome.

Q. How special it to be playing with your brother-in-law playing the game of golf together, especially in Madison?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, very cool. He's somebody I looked up to when I was coming up. He's been very, very unselfish in the way he's helped me over the last 10 years or so. I can never repay him enough, so it was fun.

Q. Jerry, your reaction to your tee shot on 1 looked like maybe your back wasn't stretched out yet. Was it any problem getting --

JERRY KELLY: That's what happens when I get the club caught behind me these days. I don't do it on every swing so I have a hard time saving it now. It's just a really bad swing. No, back's fine, just a bad swing.