

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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Jerry Kelly (-8)

Q. How was today?

JERRY KELLY: I mean, I played awful that front. I changed some things, I thought I had something last night. Me and Schu worked on something and I totally messed it up today. The putting followed right with it. I had some good feels putting and everything turned out really bad. I bogeyed two par 5s, hit a great sand shot on 4, missed a four-, five-footer, very easy putt. Again, I hit it bad and I putted bad.

My head wasn't there mentally, because I couldn't figure out what was going on, that was the problem. When you're always trying to figure out, it takes so much out of you. Finally, my Exact Sciences boys, they fired me up for the back side. Basically just said get your head out of your -- absolutely.

Q. That's an exact science?

JERRY KELLY: Exact Sciences. Let me just say, it was a big week for me being in Madison and all that, but it is also the first week I'm wearing the Cologuard hat. I can't tell you how proud I am to be part of that company and what they're doing for colorectal cancer and the screening of kids. It's really impressive. I think a lot more people are going to get screened that normally wouldn't that are afraid of a colonoscopy. I think it's an awesome company and they're doing awesome things, so I'm just happy to be with them.

So it was big for me to actually, yes, be in Madison, but also have the hat. It was even more pressure. But when those guys came up to me, both Kevin Conroy and Maneesh came up to me at the turn and just said, hey, let's go, it just fired me up and got me going. I'm really happy to be part of the company.

Q. Do you still get fired up when you get your box of clothes and open it up and see the logos and stuff and sponsors on that?

JERRY KELLY: Absolutely. I talk about this with my wife all the time, and she says it, too. I will literally be standing on a tee one time looking out, and sometimes it's when I'm mad and sometimes it's when I'm not, and sometimes I'll just look out and go, wow, I play golf for a living. It still strikes me like that. The fire is still there, but the amazement that I'm actually still out here is still there, too.

Trust me, my wife always said, "Nobody enjoys getting mad more than you." I enjoy every bit of it out there. I truly enjoy every bit of it out there. My intensity gets the better of me sometimes, and then I'm trying to figure things out, too. It's just a little slippery slope of the

mumble tank as we call it.

Q. Birdies at 11, 12, 13, can you go through it real quick?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah. It came up on 11 actually after I made a great par on 10. I said, "Just stake one here." I finally got a wedge the right distance for the first time this week and made like a five-footer. Then the next hole I knocked it in about 10 feet with a 4-iron, made that one. And then next hole again was a wedge the right distance. Again, made about, I don't know, an eight- to 10-footer, something like that, so it was great.

Then my wedge left me on the next two holes, which I put the drives in the right spots and hit the pause button again. Thought I hit a great shot, second shot on 16, and came up 20 yards short in the bunker. So it was off a tough sidehill lie, but I thought I was working on eagle. I was just trying to get to 10, that was the number I was trying to get back to. Not too bad after being at 4 for a while.

Q. Will you come back next year? I'm kidding, but did you have fun?

JERRY KELLY: Absolutely. I mean, we live to play, but we live to play in our hometown and with all these people. There's nobody better than Wisconsinites. I love playing here, and they showed me a ton of love. Normally I play well when I'm around it. You know, I'm taking it with the idea that if this was anywhere else, I would have played a lot worse. I didn't hit it well, didn't putt it well, and I'll just say they at least kept me in the top 20.

Q. Jerry, how does Freddie Couples not play for seven weeks, probably didn't touch his clubs much, and come here and do what he's doing? How do you figure that?

JERRY KELLY: His swing hasn't changed since I started watching him. My swing changes every day, you know? He knows where the bottom is on every single shot and I don't. So that is why.

Do I understand it? No. But, you know, he's an incredible athlete. I mean, if he was healthy, he definitely would have been Tiger Woods-esque. He was becoming dominant and then he just kind of fell apart physically a little bit.

If Freddie had Tiger's putter -- (laughs) -- he would have been better than Tiger, period, bottom line, no question. Strikes it better, definitely strikes it better. Has just as much firepower when he's healthy, there's no question.

Q. What is your expectations of your first U.S. Senior Open?

JERRY KELLY: I've got to go win that thing. I mean, I really want to win out here really bad. You know, a little extra pressure this week but usually I love that. The U.S. Senior Open will feel like nothing. I just want to go have some fun with that one. I would like to say I corrected some of my wrongs again on the back side here, even though I kept on making a

few of the same mistakes. I mean, I don't know, I feel like I'm getting better. It always seems like a couple steps back every time, but my swing's coming. I wasn't going to be able to live with what I was doing, so I'm happy with where I'm going.

Q. And will you hang out with Schu all the way there, do you travel together?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, we're playing two practice rounds together. Yeah, we're taking a private Delta flight. Yeah, they pick you up right at the Madison airport. We have to pick some people up in Detroit, though. I don't know why we have to do that.

Q. Jerry, what do you think of this tournament after two years? I know you were only here Sunday last year.

JERRY KELLY: I think Steve and his team that he's put together have done an absolutely fantastic job. Definitely one of the best ones that I've played in. I haven't played in that many, but I'll say it is the best one that I've played in, and that counts the PGA.

Yeah, I think the people come out. It's fantastic even in this weather. You know, it wasn't the best for Madison. Everybody was asking me if we have summer, but the course is in great shape. They did everything really well and it was really fun.

Q. Is it a frozen tundra or what?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah. I mean, maybe if it was a little bit colder, who knows.

Q. AmFam has a presence in Milwaukee. If this were ever to alternate between those two cities and bring back maybe Brown Deer into the mix, would you be opposed, maybe yay or nay or otherwise?

JERRY KELLY: I would say if they keep that sponsorship going, I'll play wherever they put it in Wisconsin. I am more than happy to be playing a consistent event in Wisconsin. That's what we wanted. We lost the GMO. I tried really hard, fell on deaf ears. But it didn't matter where we were trying to get it, we were trying to get anything we possibly could.

Now there's something here. We've got to support it, we've got to continue this thing. We can't be blase about not showing up or coming for one day. We've got to show up. We've got to show them that we deserve it here.

If they hit Milwaukee every other or every third or whatever, I think that's great, too. Milwaukee certainly deserves an event. You know, we probably wouldn't be able to have one Milwaukee and one Madison, but Milwaukee deserves it. They put up with us for a lot of years, it was awesome. So I would love to play Brown Deer. You know how I like to think about Brown Deer, I think it's awesome. No, I appreciate what AmFam's done and I'll follow them wherever they want me to go.