

JERRY KELLY

Q. First of all, you put up a crazy number today and yesterday Rocco put up the same number and he said sometimes you've just got to put up a stupid number.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, well, I've been hitting it really well. You know, just keep on running into that roadblock and then it kind of takes my energy down. And I had two really good par-saving putts and, you know, this is the amount of birdies that I should have been making. I made six birdies yesterday and shot 1-under. So I knew eight birdies were out there, I just needed to stop making bogeys. I kind of got both of them, which is nice.

Q. You definitely went on a string there on the back nine and Kevin was saying that or they were saying that -- before we get to the cough -- they were saying that on 17 you almost got an eagle?

JERRY KELLY: What's that?

Q. 17, was that the hole you almost got the eagle on?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I left it two inches short right in the jaws. It was a 15-footer that looks like it's going downhill, but I knew it was into the grain. I should have hit it hard but I don't hit putts that way. I don't hammer putts. So when I get caught when it's just a little angled in rather than down I'm going to end up being short, so --

Q. It was a great round. What do you think sort of accounts for it? Is it the fans who come out here? It's almost like -- to me it seems almost like could be a home thing?

JERRY KELLY: No, it's straight these guys right here. I mean, yeah, it turned it into a Madison tournament, there's no question about it. You know, Kevin being there every day and Maneesh just picking me up by the seat of my pants and pushing me forward as much as I can, I got a lot of great energy from these guys. That's why I'm working with them because they're such great guys and have great energy, great passion for their cause. I think it's a great match, you know, when things feel good, when they feel right that's when you can play well too.

Q. That's great. And I know that you see a lot of red here and earlier in the week it was green and yellow?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah.

Q. So a lot of fan support?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, no, it's great. It's like the West Coast of Florida, then down here in the Tucson/Phoenix area, that's where all the Wisconsinites go, so it's always great. They travel so well and they're full of cool that it always makes you feel great every stop you go to.

Q. That's great. So that cough, you've been fighting something, huh? And it's kind of been tough this week?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, it's pretty good, pretty good. Fever broke so first day was -- first day and first night were pretty feverish so I finally got sleep once the fever broke, but then I felt my body and it wasn't a very good thing to feel my body. I was kind of in the clouds, feel my body, and then today first three holes I was pretty dizzy, but I just tried to breathe and calm my heart rate down because my body couldn't quite handle anything. So, you know, that's the kind of thing that sets you up for the second half when you start playing well, when you have already kind of calmed yourself and gotten into that breathing routine and you can kind of just take that through and keep playing, you know. So sometimes, you know I was hoping this week with the (Inaudible) would get it done. I just ran into too many roadblocks the first two days. I had rolls where I thought things were going to get going and it never really got anywhere, so it was just nice to get one for the Wis.

Q. Absolutely congratulations. It was a great number today and you're right in the mix?

JERRY KELLY: We'll see what happens. I'm sure Strick will hang out for a little bit. You know he's finally going to finish one when I'm right there. You know that's going to happen because he's going to look at me and go, huh-uh, that's not going to happen. So, you know, I hope he finishes well, gets in there. He deserves it, he's played well, so it's only a matter of time for me and I'm sure feels that Madison connection in this tournament too.