

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JERRY KELLY (-7)

Q. Jerry, how do you feel about today's round?

JERRY KELLY: Another fairly sloppy day. Just made some bogeys in there that I shouldn't have, didn't make some birdies that I should have and still wasn't as tight, as crisp as I'd like to be. I'm putting it up against a pretty good performance, so I've got to look at it a little more and say, you know, that was actually pretty good, let's just go gut it out. So that's kind of what I was doing.

I made two great par saves, on the par 5 and then 17. I'm happy that I didn't let them run too far. I figured if you keep it within five, it's definitely a possibility. I think I'm inside of that.

Q. Is that the mindset going into tomorrow? What's it going to take?

JERRY KELLY: As low as we can go, absolutely. There's going to be nothing but driver and pins, that's it. It will be fun.

Q. A lot of people are within five right now.

JERRY KELLY: A lot of people, and somebody's going to shoot a low one, somebody always does. You can be towards the top and shoot a low one, you've got a better chance.

Q. Were you surprised that no one really put up a low one today and broke away from the pack?

JERRY KELLY: Really surprised. The wind wasn't that much of a factor. Some of the pins were good on the short holes, which makes the short holes a little tougher; some of the par 5s as well. It's going to be a shootout tomorrow.

Q. Not too shabby with the chip game, especially in the late going. You had a couple that --

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, that horseshoe. Bugged me on 17, the last bunker I was in had about a foot and a half of sand, that one had no sand. So I should have looked at it and saw how wet it still was to know that it's all the way down at the liner, but I didn't pay attention that close. I had a good lie, just wanted to flay it, but to get that par, that was big.

Q. How long was your putt there?

JERRY KELLY: It was probably 10 maybe, 12, something like that.

Q. What do you know about Thongchai Jaidee?

JERRY KELLY: He's a good dude. Yeah, I like him a lot. Ex-paratrooper, he's a tough boy. You know, having him go through Q-School, I think he won Q-School, but fully exempt and then COVID and they took that year away from him. I don't think they should have done that, I think he should have got a retro. He couldn't leave where he was, but that's just like a major medical. Everybody was in a major medical basically. He's fought hard to come back and gain some status again and Monday qualify and do everything he can just to play. You show that desire to play, and he's done great on the world stage, so he deserves his starts and his chances. Doesn't surprise me to see him play well.

Q. Has this been a harder grind this year just because coming off of a win last week and two-time defending champ, is it harder?

JERRY KELLY: I'm just tired. Normally I'm jacked. I really haven't gotten as much adrenaline. I mean, that par on 17 got me about as excited as I've been this week. The eagle did yesterday on 16, but then that. Yeah, I'll get some sleep, I think.

Q. When you just look at the field, any surprises, or coming into Sunday, just expect the unexpected type of thing?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, nobody's a surprise to us. You may not know their names, but we do. Everybody's great players out here, otherwise they wouldn't have a chance of being out here. Again, it's going to be a shootout.