

JERRY KELLY (-4)

Q. Jerry, snow's burned off, beautiful day for golf so far except a little hiccup on the last one. Seemed like a good day. What was working for you?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, not too bad. I was striking the ball pretty well. I had a lot of good looks at it. Left probably I think at least five, maybe six about two inches short right in the jaws. Could have been a low one, but I wanted to make sure I played for speed on these greens, they're a little bumpy. I didn't want to leave myself with a whole lot coming back. So that's what happens when you're playing for that type of speed.

Yeah, I was a little surprised on the last hole that that didn't get there as low as I hit it. Yeah, uphill, that happens, too.

Q. It's no secret this tournament means so much to you. What was it, that opening tee shot for you this morning just having everyone here and with Katie Couric in attendance and just her story and you honoring your close family friends?

JERRY KELLY: It's just awesome being on the first tee for that opening ceremony. Just hearing everything that this tournament's about, the National Anthem, the flyover. We've got The First Tee kids out there, we've got survivors out there. You know, just once again it just shows you what this tournament's all about. I love it, I eat it up. I appreciate them all for being here.

Q. I'm guessing this isn't the first time you played a course the day after it's covered in snow, is it?

JERRY KELLY: No, it's not, it's not. I don't know if you saw my putt, it's not the first time I've hit a putt in snow, either. I was cheating there a little bit.

Q. Were you surprised to wake up and see all that?

JERRY KELLY: I was not surprised. I was surprised that it lasted so long. I thought it was going to burn off pretty quick, I thought we were going to get out there and be able to play around 10:30 or so. Boy, it stayed there for a long time, didn't it? But it was fun. Snowball fights, great pictures, it was a lot of fun.

Q. Jerry, you said the other day this is a tournament that's different than all others, but it's also different for you because you've got a lot of responsibilities. Today when the first tee shot goes off, how long does it take you to get back into tournament mode and really kind of start the grind?

JERRY KELLY: I probably had a little more adrenaline on the first tee because I want to perform for everybody, but other than that, once I get in the arena, I'm pretty good. It was Carol's birthday today so I had a lot to play for today. I was a little bummed, I wanted to go bogey free on her birthday, but I'll take the 4 under.

Q. The atmosphere out here, and then it's almost like different not only with the snow, but it's been a cooler winter down here.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah.

Q. Are conditions a little bit different and does it take some adjustment getting used to that, too?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I mean, we hit it short, it just goes even shorter so that's never any fun.

You know, the conditions this winter prepared us for that week because that's kind of where it's been. It's been cold and rainy in Phoenix, but it's better than negative whatever and snowy and icy up there. Sorry, Wisconsin, I'm hanging out in Phoenix in the winter.

Q. What's the support been like? Looked like there were a lot of people from Wisconsin, a lot of friends.

JERRY KELLY: Oh, yeah, a lot of people from Wisconsin. You know, just all the survivors, caregivers, advocates, Exact Sciences family, just everybody out here is just so supportive of this tournament. I just love being -- I love wearing the colors, let's put it that way.

Q. Is the hoodie a new look or is it just something you have to wear this time of year down here?

JERRY KELLY: I mean, I think it -- it's LINKSOUL, I love this stuff. I think I look cool, I look young, I look hip, you know? I mean, absolutely. I wear hoodies all the time. It's the first time I've worn one on the golf course, but I think it's a good look, I like it. Links Soldier, man.

Q. So it will stay on?

JERRY KELLY: When it's cold, yeah. I've got a whole bunch of different stuff. They've got a ton of different outerwear, not just one piece, Rob. C'mon.

Q. And I had a chance when I was walking out there, Carol connected me with Angela Nicholas, whose husband you know --

JERRY KELLY: John McLeod, yeah.

Q. -- and she is so touched by what's going on here. What can you say about her and what her husband did to kind of provide an early passion to this event?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, John McLeod kicked this tournament off. He cartwheeled this tournament off is what he did. His, you know, just crazy love of life that just went into this tournament, he's injected that completely.

This is not a somber tournament, this is a celebration tournament. What we're doing with early detection is make it so it's all celebration, that there's no cautionary tales out there. John McLeod really did embody what this tournament has become.