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JERRY KELLY

JERRY KELLY: (In progress) as bad as I did, but I had a new move going on with Jim. We saw some good things come out, but I took it down, I didn't do very well with it. The putting was pretty bad this week, but the greens were probably the worst greens we'll play all year. It's too bad, they were terrible. That made my short game suffer because it wouldn't check consistently. So for me that was probably the worst up-and-down performance I think I've ever had in a tournament. Not very good all the way around.

Then we look at the success of the tournament and it's awesome. Yeah, I mean, I had a double bogey on 9 I felt like I was in tears saying sorry to Rob and Mike. It's one of those things where you want it so bad that -- but you know, look forward to doing it -- I'm looking forward to going to La Paloma and striking that course. I'm extremely excited about that because there's a lot more shot value at that golf course. It's going to play tough. There's going to be some shortness to it, par 5s and things like that. Better hit it straight.

Q. I understand that it's going to be quite an entourage at THE PLAYERS next week with the family being around. What are you looking forward to there?

JERRY KELLY: I'm just looking forward to performing in that environment again. It's really fun. Hawaii doesn't quite -- I love Hawaii, I love the Sony, but THE PLAYERS with the amphitheater and coming down the stretch, I mean, I just want to perform.

Q. And you've done well there. It seems like -- I'm sure at some point next week we'll see 2001 on the Golf Channel. Do you watch that? Do you pause to watch that? Do you remember all that?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I'll watch it. I feel like my swing's better than it was even back then. You know, just to have that commitment that I had. I'm still kind of (inaudible) around a little bit. Next week's got to be full commit.

Q. Does that year -- what does that year -- does that year -- I mean and that tournament when you see it, what kind of memories does it bring back? Do you look at it as one of your crowning achievements?

JERRY KELLY: Oh, hell no, it's not one of my crowning achievements by any means. No, no, not at all, not even close. If I would have lost in a playoff, maybe, but I didn't perform down the stretch. It's another disappointing big tournament is the way I see it, so no.

But being in the hunt, yes. I know it bodes well for me. If I play well, I know I can play that golf course well. But there is nothing about watching that tournament that gives me oh, good

goosebumps. It pisses me off.

Q. What about having your -- with your mom potentially being there, but your sisters next week, is that nice? Is that something that you, you know, do you enjoy?

JERRY KELLY: Stop.

Q. OK. Never mind, we're good.

JERRY KELLY: You know it is, it's my family. They come to a lot of them. I love my family and I love the more people that I have, but it's a job. I don't even see them outside the ropes. I'll see them after and that kind of stuff, but I want to perform, finish it up.

Q. Question outside of golf, just your takeaway of this week. What does it mean just to see the fan support continues to grow, more survivors, we're about to have the 18 Survivor Walkup, the buy-in of Tucson and having this tournament here?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I mean, it's special. I was even telling you, I think it would do me a lot of good to get on the road, but it's like it would do me more good to walk up with the survivors. So I'm definitely going to hang out, walk up with them. I'll let them crown the champion and get on the road, but it's those people this tournament's all about and I want to be with them.