

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**June 11, 2023**



**JERRY KELLY (-7)**

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**Q. Jerry, just overall your thoughts on the tournament? I know you weren't happy how you started. Happy where you finished?**

**JERRY KELLY:** No, no, still not happy where I finished. I left probably five putts short dead in the jaws including a second putt out there as well. It was disappointing. I lined it up, worked really hard at the beginning for pars and then got a couple birdies and I was like, all right, here we go, got the easier nine and I can get something out of it. Then yeah, I just kind of stalled out. I hit it close enough, I just didn't make the putts.

Yeah, I'm tired, my legs are gassed. Three weeks in a row and a major and this week and extra Monday, yeah, not as strong as Steve.

**Q. Jerry, as someone who knows what it's like to see his name on the top of this leaderboard at this tournament, what was going through your mind when you saw Steve's name on top of this leaderboard?**

**JERRY KELLY:** I'm just really happy for him as long as he can get it out of the way and not do it again.

No, I'm truly happy for him. You know, what a great family and what they've done for this tournament. I mean, even for my career, you know. It's pretty awesome to have a tournament in your hometown like this and it's definitely because of Steve. He definitely deserves this. I'm happy for him.

**Q. You mentioned just the amount you've been playing and kind of feeling tired. Do you want to give yourself a break before the Senior Open later this month, or kind of what's your plans this month?**

**JERRY KELLY:** I am, I'm going to take two weeks off, but trust me, it's going to be hard for me to take two days off from working out. I'm going to want to get back at it because I've already got a chip on my shoulder. I'm going to come in there pretty fired up.

**Q. Is this easier to take knowing that your family was here or is it harder to take?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Jocko ...

**Q. There was so much support.**

**JERRY KELLY:** Jocko, is it ever easy for me to take? No (Laughs.) Rob knows that, Rob's

laughing hard on that one.

**Q. It would be harder to take because I know number three, it would be awesome to win here three times. So was it a little bit rougher knowing that you want to do this in front of your fans?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah. I mean, no, this is -- this is a major for us Sconnie guys. You know, it definitely hurts more just like doing it in a major. You want to finish on top in the best tournaments against the best guys.

**Q. Are you going to wait around and watch the finish?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, I've gotta. This is a big one. He's won 17 times in the last year, but this is different, this is very different.

**Q. You played as much golf as him in competition as anybody here in the last year when it's mattered. Have you seen anything different in him now that's allowing him to do this that maybe you didn't see?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Well, I see after his health scare him a lot happier about -- I hope all this success doesn't put the pressure back on him again because he started playing free and really I think enjoying it more, loving that moment. I know it got old for him back in the day, but when you contemplate life much less your golf career, it puts a different perspective on things.

I'd like to have that perspective but I don't want to go through that. I kind of did with my wife, but it's -- you know, when it's yourself facing that, I think he really worked extremely hard coming out on the other side of it, too. Yeah, he's just done everything really well.

**Q. Are you going to try to get top Stevens Point, Jerry, in this couple weeks off?**

**JERRY KELLY:** I might, I might. It will -- yeah, it will depend on a lot of things. I'd like to see it, but I know I'm going to go up there on Monday, so I'll have three days to see it. And sometimes I like the way that I see a course when I get there. I went out and saw Fields, that PGA course, early. That was my worst finish I've had in a long time, so I might not want any preconceived notions coming up there and just learn it. It bit me really at the PGA and it bit me this week. I'd rather go in thinking of 1984.