

# FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: KENNY PERRY Sunday, June 29, 2014

**KENNY PERRY:** It was a good day. I fought hard and shot 69. I wanted to shoot somewhere 65 or better, didn't happen. 4-under on the front nine, 3-over on the back. I played 13 and 14, these two holes got me, got me in just -- got me behind and never could get back. All in all it was a good week.

Q. Talk about you were in perfect position probably in your mind to get really just like you did last year coming to 12. Looked like you were in pretty good shape on 12. What happened?

**KENNY PERRY:** Well, I'm just not a good chipper anymore. I've got the yips with short shots; 50, 60-yard shots kill me now and I'm not very good at them. If I hit 3-wood off that tee, that bunker, fairway bunker comes into play, so I need to hit driver to make sure I can carry that so it leaves me that awkward shot and it smoked me. Your weaknesses usually show up when you're a little nervous.

Q. Your putting, too, you made a couple good putts there in the middle.

**KENNY PERRY:** Well, I never hit it close, the ball was spinning so much. Everything, all the pins were in the back, you couldn't get it close if you had any spin on the golf ball. You've got 50-footers on every hole. It was just a battle out there. I don't know what low round today was. I think -- what did Sluman shoot, 3-under?

#### Q. It was 63.

**KENNY PERRY:** That probably came early in the day, though, didn't it? Yeah. But all in all it was a good week. I can't complain. It was the best defense I've ever had. In all my tour events I've won, I barely made the cut I think the next year. To have a chance to actually have the lead of the tournament with five holes to play, awesome. Proud of myself, hung in there.

#### Q. What was the distance coming in on 12?

**KENNY PERRY:** 61 yards. Plus we had a lot of rain, we had that big shower. It really softened the fairways up so it was a combination of a lot of things. Mucky fairways, short, tight, and the rain. It was a very difficult shot for me.

Q. You talk about your best defense. Where were you in the process this week? What were your process holes?

**KENNY PERRY:** What do you mean by that?

#### Q. So your end goal is to defend the championship?

**KENNY PERRY:** Correct.

## Q. So what were you doing shot to shot, hole by hole to make sure that result would happen?

**KENNY PERRY:** Just trying to make birdies. You've got to shoot low. I shot 63-63-64 the last three rounds to win here last year by two and I figured I'd have to do the same thing today. I shoot 4-under on the front nine and then I just got here and got side-tracked on those two holes and it got me off the winning train there, so I struggled from there in.

### Q. Do you think the rain put --

**KENNY PERRY:** It did in me. I struggled ever since it started raining and greens started softening up even more, so I struggled.

### Q. Talk about that putt Bernhard made on 17.

**KENNY PERRY:** Impossible. It was. I mean, he could stand there all day with a hundred balls and never make that putt. But that's him, he always does it. That's why he's a Hall of Famer.