

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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KELLY KRAFT (-7)



Q. Obviously a great round for you today. Can you give us some insight to what you're feeling out there?

KELLY KRAFT: Yeah, it was just kind of a fun day. I got started pretty easy; three birdies in a row, I think, to start the day. That kind of set the pace. Was hitting it close, and kind of every putt I hit looked like it was going to go in. I hit a few good putts that didn't go in, but I made quite a few, too. So in all, it was a good day.

Q. How's the course playing?

KELLY KRAFT: It's good. It's soft. We played it up today so we had ball in hand, which made it a little easier coming in a couple of those par 5s with a good lie, you know. But I played Tuesday and it was pretty firm, the greens were, and I guess we had some rain last night. So you could pretty much fly it to the hole and they were stopping. I anticipate the rest of the week with no rain, it will get a little more firm, but today it played pretty soft.

Q. Was that the way you've kind of been playing recently or is this --

KELLY KRAFT: What's that?

Q. Have you been playing this well lately?

KELLY KRAFT: You know what, I have. I just haven't been scoring worth anything. I mean, I've been hitting it good, you know, and then I'll putt bad. Or then I'll putt good and I won't hit it so good. So my game has felt good for a while now, but I've just been kind of struggling to get it in the hole. Today I kind of did everything good and shoot 7 under. It's nothing new. I mean, I go home and I play like this. I've been playing like this, just sometimes when you see a few go in early, maybe that helps. But my game's felt good and it was just nice to finally get something out of it today.

Q. What's the key to keeping it up over the next -- tomorrow and through the rest of the weekend as well?

KELLY KRAFT: Well, if I hit it like I did today, it's going to be pretty frickin' easy. So, you know, I'm rolling it good, so even if I don't hit it as good as I did today, I think I hit every fairway today, so I had ball in hand on every hole, which was nice. But, you know, if I miss some fairways, I'm still putting good so I still feel I can play pretty well. You know, if I can just maintain the ball striking like I did today, it's going to be a good week.

Q. This is a pretty good time to have this start with the FedExCup, trying to push your way into the Top 125?

KELLY KRAFT: Yeah.

Q. Do you think about that a lot?

KELLY KRAFT: Yeah, it's hard not to think about it. So yeah, I do think about it, but I mean, it's just golf. I mean, you've just got to understand that any -- we play 30 tournaments a year and so you've got that many to kind of get inside the Top 125. I really feel like I've played better this year than 140-whatever I'm at right now. Just been kind of not putting my rounds together very well and not scoring. It's hard not to think about it, but when you can just focus on playing golf and once you get teed off and stuff like that, that's when you really focus on your rounds. Sometimes you think about it when you're sitting back in a hotel room or whatever, but it's not going to do any good.

Q. Are you playing the next two weeks, too?

KELLY KRAFT: Yeah. My plan was just to play out in Reno next week and Wyndham. Yeah, go from there.