ROUND 2 INTERVIEW August 14, 2020



JERRY KELLY (-2)

Q. Well, you're at the top of the leaderboard. you know what a lot of the other guys have been saying as we talked to them today is that this is how a course should feel during a major championship. Would you agree with that as far as the --

JERRY KELLY: I totally agree with that. You get out of position here, you're in deep trouble and that's what it's like in a major. That's why I haven't done that well in that many majors. It's definitely harder to get back in position.

You know, the first day I turned a 64 into a 68 and today I turned an 80 into a 70. I didn't strike it very well today. I didn't hit fairways like I normally do, so I think if I get back to hitting the fairways, it's a very playable golf course.

But it seemed weird the way the holes were shaped and the way the wind was blowing. You know, it switched almost 180 degrees a couple times. You're always having to play a shot into the fairway instead of just hitting the ball. I definitely overworked my shots today, paid for them.

Q. You had a good save for par on 12, though. That was nice to watch on TV. And a couple birdies.

JERRY KELLY: Oh, yeah the chip-in on 12, that was awesome. I saved great bogeys. You know, on 13 and 10, those were good bogeys even. I mean, I just didn't get it in position enough, my irons, to attack the pins. Finally, on 11 I get the ball in the fairway, I have a 9-iron and I make a birdie. Then I miss the green or do that.

So it was all over the place today, but I kept myself in good position to where if I can get it in the fairway, then I can kind of attack the golf course a little bit more.

Q. Any aches, pains?

JERRY KELLY: Hitting the root on 16 was not fun. It's the elbow that I had torn. It caught me in a different spot, it caught me on top. It's swollen, but I'll just put some ice on it and I should be fine. It's clicking, but it's not hurting. It's playoff hockey.

Q. Where were you on 16?

JERRY KELLY: Just over the bunker on the right in the tree roots.

Q. When it's a shot like that, do you almost try to calculate something else you

could -- I mean --

JERRY KELLY: Well, there was another root in front of me. I didn't see the root that my ball was on top of. That was the problem.

Q. That makes it difficult.

JERRY KELLY: So I kind of hit two of them and it just kind of double shocked me and I just let go of the club. It is what it is.

Q. How did you save bogey at 10?

JERRY KELLY: I hit it in the left bunker and then I just -- there was a lot of sand in there and I just hit it a little fat and a little right, but it caught the left edge of the tree and kicked it backwards to the right about 20 yards. Now I'm behind trees, just had to chip it onto the front of the green, and I made a good two-putt from about 70 feet up that ridge.

Q. How about 13?

JERRY KELLY: No. 13, I hit 3 off the tee. I was back there really far, hit a really good shot. Didn't think I could miss it to the right and I missed it to the right. Now I'm in just an awful lie 60 yards from the green wondering how I can get it on the green, and I didn't.

I put it up the green and it came back off onto the fringe and there I had about 80 feet to get my two-putt and I did that one well, too. Those easily could have been a couple of doubles.

Q. How far was your second putt on 10?

JERRY KELLY: About six inches.

Q. The first one on 13?

JERRY KELLY: At least six feet, maybe eight feet. Yeah, it was -- both of them were good, but one was even harder.