

JERRY KELLY (-9)

Q. Sixty-five today, Jerry, what was going well for you?

JERRY KELLY: Number one, getting the ball in the fairway so I can have control of my irons. Not trying to do too much with my iron shots, just giving myself good looks. And then the putter was better today, made a couple good up-and-downs. Just one three-putt out there, that was a pretty tough one from the front of 10, or the front of 9, but overall everything was just kind of smooth.

Q. When do you start looking at leaderboards?

JERRY KELLY: Thursday.

Q. I meant today, sorry.

JERRY KELLY: First tee. I mean, I want to know if anybody has passed us before we tee off. I want to know where everybody is all the time. I'm a complete 1,000 percent scoreboard watcher. It motivates me to make more birdies to catch up. Hopefully, I don't know what I'm going to end up having, if it's a lead or if it's tied, you want to stretch that lead. I don't know, I haven't played from in front all that often, but it's nice to know where you are and keep going, make more distance.

Q. If you see somebody's name above you, a certain in-state guy, does that light a little extra fire?

JERRY KELLY: We love going back and forth. I mean, there's no question it fuels us both. It couldn't be a better friendly rivalry than what we have. It's awesome, I wouldn't change a thing except I'd like to win more.

Q. What's it like having your wife back out here with you? It's got to mean a ton.

JERRY KELLY: It's everything. I mean, it's the whole reason I won at Des Moines, six months, it was so great. That just brings life into perspective so golf can be a little easier, and it really has been easier. Eased up on myself just because we're having so much fun when we come out that we've got to realize that's what life's about. The work can obviously pile on you, especially in this sport, in any job I would say, but yeah, we're hard on ourselves out here but to have a partner like Carol, we're just loving it.

Q. Jerry, how about that shot on 18, the approach. It was a pretty nifty little --

JERRY KELLY: That was nifty, thanks, Bret. That was nifty, I liked that one. it came close to going in going by the hole, didn't it? I enjoyed it. I told my caddie I wasn't going to complain about having a straight downhill putt because I was pretty happy to be having a putt. I thought the putt was going to be really fast, it has been in the past. Just put the brakes on, but hit a good second putt. Good solid par.

Q. I know Strick gave you a putting tip somewhat recently. Have you held onto that? How long do you hold onto putting thoughts to help yourself?

JERRY KELLY: I have 1,000 percent held onto that and that is everything that I'm doing and it is everything, the reason that my putting is working right now. Yeah, he gave me a gift, there's no question about it. That's definitely Steve, you know. He's going to go out of his way, but we all are. We'll do that for each other. It's a good friendship out here.

Q. So is he going to want a cut if you win tomorrow?

JERRY KELLY: Oh, no. Oh, no.

Q. I just thought a little putting bonus?

JERRY KELLY: No, no. I'm still doing that.