

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
October 6, 2023

**JERRY KELLY (-5)**



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**Q. Bogey-free 5 under today. Just take me through takeaways of Round 1.**

**JERRY KELLY:** I feel like my body's feeling better, I've got the right clubs in there now, I'm working on the right things to where now I can work on my mental side a little bit. I still get quick to judge myself, but I was like, hey, you know, it's fine, you're hitting it good. Then I go out and make up-and-downs. I didn't have too many up-and-downs, it was a pretty clean round, so I was pretty happy with it.

**Q. Tell me about, you yourself being a tournament host with Cologuard, just the emotion that goes into this and the support that Jim has given you that you've given back, just all around the week?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, it's really hard to do. Jim is fully invested into this golf tournament and it shows. Sister Hazel last night? Come on, one of my favorites. He's done a fantastic job, so has Tabitha to coordinate all the wives stuff and everything.

For us it's a destination, so we're always going to keep coming.

**Q. Jerry, do you think you left a few out there today?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Oh, I probably burned the edge on four or five of them, I mean solid. I made one long one, I made some good solid putts. I was hitting just about all the putts where I wanted to hit them, so that was golf. It's one thing if I was really wiggling out of them and I wasn't today, so that was good.

**Q. What's -- not even to take the negative out of it, but the praise that you have for the agronomy team to get these greens ready for you guys today?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, I mean, even the butchered greens are even better than some of the greens we play on. Yeah, they've done a fantastic job. Definite shout-out to this grounds crew because that was an early wake-up and by the time the sun was up, 16 was looking beautiful already. Yeah, fantastic job.

**Q. Jerry, you've got some room on the fairways out there and there wasn't a whole heck of a lot of wind by the time you finished up. However, is no bogeys still -- no matter how many birdies you might have made, is no bogeys a really good --**

**JERRY KELLY:** Wait a second, what fairways are you talking about getting roll? What course were you playing when we got -- OK, OK, wide fairways, but they weren't rolling, so it

was playing longer than I would have liked to see it play. You know, all the rain that we've gotten this week, that fairway cover is pretty thin. I mean, it's sketchy on hitting the irons, you're picking up mud on some of the balls. It was not that easy and I think that's what shows in the scores. I guarantee if we would have had lift, clean and place, you would have seen a lot of really low scores. I'm glad they played it, they didn't need to, it was good.

**Q. What's your history on Ross courses or the old-school stuff? Is that something you enjoy?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, I'm good on Ross courses. I haven't been good on this Ross course, but I said now that they've renovated, it's a new one for me, so we'll see how it goes.

**Q. The irons in the bag, how long have you had them? What have you changed?**

**JERRY KELLY:** This is my second tournament with them to where I was really able to work on some feel shots instead of working on straight mechanics, trying to see how the clubs would work. I know if I do what I want to do, the clubs will respond. I don't do what I want to do all the time, but nobody does. It's a good feeling to finally have that behind me. That's been all year, so I'm happy.

**Q. (Inaudible)**

**JERRY KELLY:** No, it's a new shaft. I put a -- yeah, I put Nippon 125s in, a little bit lighter. Still the X, but they're stepped out. We've gone through the gamut, this is my ninth set of the year, so I've been working really hard. That's probably what contributed to the injuries that I had, just overworking and trying to fit things in. Yeah, it's a vicious cycle, but I'm on the good side of it now.