

PURE INSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

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JERRY KELLY (-4)



Q. Jerry, seventh appearance, two runner-up finishes. Right now, obviously a lot of golf left, but got to like where you stand after the first round?

JERRY KELLY: I like where I stand. I haven't gotten Spy for a while, so a couple good saves. I definitely left some out there and that makes me feel even better that I was striking the ball good enough to leave 'em out there and shooting that round.

Q. Absolutely. Just what does it mean to play in this tournament? Obviously it's special, you got to play with Camille. Just that camaraderie, getting to pay it forward with The First Tee?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I mean, I try to make it my best behaved tournament of the year. That tends to help at times.

She was so good. I mean, just the way she was controlling her ball and getting -- I mean, the drives were fantastic, but controlling her ball on these greens, which were really bouncing out and really difficult, I think she did a fantastic job.

Notre Dame, you better up that offer.

Q. Did you know where you stood when you finished the round just now?

JERRY KELLY: I mean, I knew I had to be close, but I didn't see a board on that side anywhere. I'm always looking at them, and I've looked at this one 10 times and I still haven't seen my name yet.

Q. T-1 right now.

JERRY KELLY: Cool, I love it. And usually Pebble goes lower than Spy, so I'm more than happy about my position on Spy and just getting a couple good days at Pebble and have some fun.

Q. What was going right today?

JERRY KELLY: I put a little softer driver shaft in than I've been using and I felt like it matched up with the rest of my clubs. And I've been working this new set of irons in and I took some weight off of the irons. I think everything kind of lined up for me consistency-wise



better than it has in a while. You know, we'll see going forward, but for me to strike the ball in kind of cool, overcast and that type of thing, I was happy with it.

Q. By doing that, is that controlling your spin?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, but I'm still -- I'm still short. So going at some of these greens with 6-irons, I had a couple 4-irons, it's difficult because, I mean, even some of the wedges were bouncing out 10 yards, which we're far from used to that. So it's playing tough. You've got to really think your way around your landing spot and then hit it good enough to, you know, have it end up where you want it to end up.

Q. You guys aren't used to that, you guys are used to ball land, ball spin, stop. Now you've got to control that?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, but that goes back to a little more old-school probably. I think it was that way a little bit more in the past, but we just couldn't hit it as hard and as high as those guys are now. But it's definitely you had to think your way around, you really had to play kind of like old-school golf around this place when it's firm and fast.

Q. What did you learn about your new bag from this round today?

JERRY KELLY: I think that there are some good misses in that bag. I think it's my ninth iteration in the last year and a half probably. They stopped making my irons and I'm just trying to find that combination. I love the feel of them, but sometimes the window doesn't come out the way you want it to. I think we're starting to dial things in.

But I was trying to use stuff that was the old me, a little too stiff, so I've gone to some -- a little lighter weight shafts. Not too much, but, you know, something easy for the old man to swing apparently.