

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
**June 7, 2024**



**JERRY KELLY (-3)**

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**Q. First 10 holes --**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, I made a 20-footer for par on 10. I'd like to say it got me fired up, but it really -- I actually said, "I'm going to start drinking tonight." The next thing you know, I made four in a row, so I better hold true to my word tonight and enjoy myself.

Again, it's smoke and mirrors out there again. I didn't feel like my body responded very well. Really, just jumpy than -- I know I'm jumpy, but that's ridiculous, a little explosion on every shot, doesn't matter if it's driver or a putt.

So, you know, battled through it and see if I can shoot a couple low ones, who knows.

**Q. Did the first couple birdies on that back nine sort of give you the energy you were hoping for?**

**JERRY KELLY:** No, not really. I just wanted to keep going. It's weird, it's not the same, all right, here we go. It's just kind of like I've got to conserve. I wasted so much energy in the first nine, 10 holes, it was just amazing. I mean, I didn't hit one shot the way I wanted to. I mean, a couple of them turned out, but it was -- I felt like I was up there like this and all over the place. You know, I don't have the answers.

**Q. Jerry, how hard is it (inaudible) try to keep even keel?**

**JERRY KELLY:** That's why I had to not try to get fired up because I said I wanted to be stronger for myself, and I was so hard on myself those first bunch of holes. I was just like, you know, I'm telling myself I may never play well. Your brain goes to dark places and I was dark again. It's like, c'mon. We had people out there cheering, having fun. I just got to get stronger mentally and the physical side hopefully will follow. Yeah, I've got to get better.

**Q. Are you proud of the way that you finished despite feeling that way?**

**JERRY KELLY:** I mean, I was definitely leaking. I went for a drive on 16 I shouldn't have gone for. It's not even 10 yards wide for me, I have to keep it right of the trees and I let it go with the wind. Lucky they found it, lucky I made par. You know, I hit so bad off the tee on 18, I had 220 something in and guys are flipping little 9-irons and 8-irons. I've got 220, you know. I mis-hit the crap out of it, put it on the front.

I hit two decent putts. I thought when it got over the hill it would keep going, and it was still a little bit uphill because I didn't even hit the second one as hard as I wanted. Yeah, I was

lagging so I wouldn't four-putt, that's about where my brain is.

**Q. That first putt, though, if you hit it a little too hard it goes downhill.**

**JERRY KELLY:** No, it goes -- it goes all the way off the green. You know, it's just, you know, when you're not -- when you're not trusting, you're not going to be aggressive. Trying not to make huge mistakes. But yeah, I'm happy getting out of today with 3 under. I mean, yeah, I three-putted the last hole, but I'm A-OK.

**Q. Does it change your expectations for the weekend now?**

**JERRY KELLY:** I mean, I told you I'd like to compete. I feel like if I can get my body to respond to what I'm thinking, I mean, I can still think my way around a golf course and play well. But it's the reactions, I'm having a tough time figuring out where they're coming from, but it's just, I don't know.

**Q. Are you doing anything different like Friday night, Saturday night?**

**JERRY KELLY:** It will be something different tonight. I guarantee you that I'm going to do something different tonight, breaking the old fast. (Laughs.)