

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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JERRY KELLY (-3)



Q. Jerry Kelly, thanks for joining us. Strong finish there. It's a bunched up leaderboard, but you sit right there near the top. What's going on in your mind right now?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, it felt like it was out there today, it was certainly out there for me. I putted pretty poorly throughout the day, but I was real happy to make a good one on 17 and then finish with the shorter putts that I was missing on 18.

I'm happy with where I'm at, but I know there's room for improvement.

Q. You kind of talked about this being a more challenging year obviously, but then the win at SAS kind of entering the playoffs, has that changed your mindset or kind of where your game is at for this playoff run?

JERRY KELLY: I don't think it has the ability to really change my mind that much. I'm still really happy to be playing right now. I'm happy to be pretty pain free compared to what I was. You know, a frustrating day and I could still smile a few times out there and enjoy myself, which I better be able to because it was pretty bad for five, six months in there. Yeah, I mean, you just come in trying to win a golf tournament. Whatever happens for the rest of it happens.

Q. What was the turning point to getting better? We talked throughout this whole process.

JERRY KELLY: It was the -- I was doing exercises that Dr. Skaggs gave me called a somatic twist and I got a clunk out of my S-1 that we thought was twisted because of the cyst sticking into the nerve canal. Like oh, that's just air. I'm like no, I can actually touch my feet, I can tee a ball up. I mean, all of a sudden spasms were gone.

So it was pretty bad out of alignment apparently. I saw some people and nothing else was working. Whatever he did, it worked.

Q. As a guy who's used to playing every single week out here, how has this year been different from just a number of weeks standpoint and do you feel any more -- obviously rest is not the right word, but is it different that way at this time of year to have played less?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I'm definitely stronger right now, but that's I'm back working out again. I'm actually able to lift some weights and do those types of things.



It was really hard not to play, but I had to at this point. I probably shouldn't have played the month before in the majors, but what can you do? I enjoyed it kind of.

But it taught me that I really kind of enjoyed some time off, too. I only had that one other time where I missed three months on the PGA TOUR because of my back the first time it happened. It was actually kind of fun, I enjoyed it, but yeah, it was ripping my heart out a little bit.

Q. If you were to guess what your birdie conversion is on holes where they're giving away dollar beers, what would that be?

JERRY KELLY: I'm up there, no question. I like making people drink.

Q. Jerry Kelly on the couch, I can't picture that. Just sitting there?

JERRY KELLY: I might not have been just sitting there on the couch. Might have been a club -- I don't know, it was tough, but yeah.

Q. Are you going to do the senior citizen things, go drink coffee at the shop?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, no, that's not gonna happen, no, no.

Q. What does today do, I mean, as you look forward to the rest of the weekend? Anything?

JERRY KELLY: No. I mean, I saw some real glimpses of what my swing could do next year. I felt the best yet today warming up and the first part of today. I kind of lost it a little bit, probably overdid some of the things that I was finding. But man, I found something really cool on the range and I went with it. It was really nice early. Yeah, gives me hope for next year.

