

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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KELLY KRAFT (-9)

Q. Kelly Kraft, 67, eight birdies today. What worked out for you today?

KELLY KRAFT: Iron play was pretty good at times. Hit a couple -- I felt like I honestly hit it better yesterday in the wind, but when you birdie all the par-3s, the iron play's pretty good. Hit some other close ones, a really good one on 17 and hit a couple others pretty close. So it was just kind of -- it was good. I mean, all-around ball-striking wasn't as probably solid as yesterday, but without as much wind, I'll take it.

Q. You didn't realize you had --

KELLY KRAFT: No, I didn't realize that. I think I've done that one other time, probably 2012 maybe down in Brazil. We played a Korn Ferry Tour event down there and I know I did it there, but I think it was five par-3s there. I've done better.

Q. The wind was pretty significant yesterday. How about today, how do you feel?

KELLY KRAFT: It was pretty calm all morning, really still early and then the wind, we kind of got like a 180 switch, it was opposite wind of yesterday. But I mean once it sort of started picking up a little bit, I was already used to it from yesterday. I hit a lot of good knockdown shots with my irons. Today I had a lot more full swings, they just weren't quite as dialed in as yesterday maybe just because I had more three-quarter shots yesterday to keep the ball down, I was just better at those. But I'm going to go work at it and try to build for tomorrow.

Q. At 9 under you're in great position heading to the weekend. Could be a huge weekend for you --

KELLY KRAFT: Yeah.

Q. -- with your position in the standings.

KELLY KRAFT: Yeah, obviously I came down here to play good, so first two rounds have gone just the way I wanted them to. So we'll try to keep moving.

Q. Have you found anything? Are you working on something?

KELLY KRAFT: I've been working on the same stuff with my coach for a while. Honestly, it's felt good. I missed the first two cuts I played in the fall, but played pretty good, just a couple little slipups. I'm always guarding a little bit against my left hip, but it's felt good so far this week, getting it worked on and everything. That's kind of what slows me down a lot of



the times. Maybe that's the difference is it feels pretty good this week.

Q. What's your mindset like with the pressure of trying to improve your standing?

KELLY KRAFT: Sure, there's pressure, but it's just another golf tournament. Obviously I'd love to be in contention on Sunday, but we're still a long way from there. I feel like first two days are a little more freewheeling and you just go out and make as many birdies as you can. I'm not saying I won't get tight on Sunday because you want to be up there, that's where you want to be.

But so far the fairways are big and you've got a lot of iron shots from the fairway coming in and that's what I'm really good at. My iron play's great, it always has been. That's probably one of the key factors to why I'm playing good.

Q. The birdies on the par-3s, hit 'em close, make some long putts?

KELLY KRAFT: I made -- I probably made -- yeah, I made probably like two 15-footers, a 10-footer and I'm trying to remember the other one. I don't think I hit anything like super close, but they were all pretty -- you know, very makeable.

Q. How do you describe what it's like playing in your category?

KELLY KRAFT: It sucks. This is the first year I've had to play out of this category. Every other year I've been fully exempt or on the Korn Ferry category. So they kind of changed the rules on us this year with the elevated stuff and more guys are obviously playing to get into those, so it sort of pushed our category back.

I didn't get into anything until Puerto Rico at in the beginning of the year, so just kind of sitting around, like practicing at home, waiting to get a start. I think it's my 13th tournament of the year, so not a lot when you're used to playing 32 every year since about '16.

It's a lot different, but you've got to just stay sharp and practice and play and see coach and do all that so when your number gets called, you're ready.

