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**JERRY KELLY**

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**Q. Jerry Kelly, the only two-time AmFam champion joining us today. Obviously it's a special week here being back in Madison, your home, sleeping in your own bed. Take me through the week being back and this new format and new venue.**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, everybody knows I love playing in Wisconsin, and I love playing in Madison even more. The crowds always show up for the homies and we appreciate it so much that we just always want to give back when we're here.

I just want them to know I'm that appreciative that they come out. It just makes it that much more fun to play in front of everybody.

Strick built a pretty cool golf course. While it was really firm and maturing, it was scary. I think it's really grown into itself. He made some great changes. You know, I think the first time we play it, I'm glad there's not as much wind because that's what's going to make this course really, really tough. But it's playing exactly the way everybody can get to see how cool of a layout it is. The next couple years, if it gets hard, tough conditions, everybody will kind of understand. But it's a really fun playing golf course right now. I think he did a great job.

The format, I love team golf. You know, I just think it's -- it's so much more fun to play for somebody else than just yourself. It's like playing in Madison, I love playing for everybody else at that point, too, but when you've got a partner that is relying on you, it just ratchets everything up. I love it. The more the tension rises, the more pressure, the more adrenaline, I absolutely love it.

This is kind of the pinnacle right here other than a major. This is really cool. Justin and I played in the World Champions Cup a couple years ago and we did really well. We know we complement each other. I cooked a good dinner for everybody last night and we're ready to go.

**Q. Jerry, you're in your customary spot atop the driving distance or driving accuracy stat.**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, don't get those confused.

**Q. Your partner hits fairways, too.**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yep.

**Q. How important is that going to be (inaudible), how important is driving distance --**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, there's no question it's more important than distance. If you get distance and straight consistently, it's going to be an advantage, but if you are not straight out here and you're not shaping it in the correct way of the fairways, you're losing a ball.

Yeah, accuracy is definitely going to be key this week. I told Steve that I wish it was an individual event for that, but I love having a partner and I love playing with Justin. I'm happy with it either way, but this is accuracy first.

**Q. Jerry, obviously a lot of changes here with this course and the redesign and everything, but what's your history here just being probably not that far from growing up, home and all that stuff?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah. I mean, I'm inside of two miles as the crow flies, so it's -- it was always a fast trip over here.

Most of my time spent was at Maple Bluff, but we always came out to Cherokee. And I've come out a few times, played with Strick. I don't have a lot of experience on this. I really wanted the experience to be tournament conditions because it always changes so much that you can -- when you get playing at the tournament week, that's when you really learn about a golf course and how it's going to play.

It would have been a lot different if we didn't get that inch or so of rain, it would have played very different. It's playing fantastic right now.

**Q. How did this go about -- you said you played with Justin before, but it was it awkward (inaudible)? I feel like this is like speed dating for PGA TOUR Champions. Then also, Steve said they're going to wear matching outfits.**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, we're not, no. They're family so maybe that's why, I don't know.

No, the awkward thing is nobody knew how the picks worked. Apparently except for Langer, he was the one who picked Alker right away. "you are going to play with me."

So Justin came up to me and said, hey, we played great in the team event, do you want to do it? I'm like, I don't know, do they go down the list? Would I have been one of the 12 to 13th pick? Can anybody, you know -- do I wait for somebody if somebody ahead of me picks me? We didn't know how it worked, so once we got the information, we sealed the deal immediately.

But he was like thinking I was hemming and hawing like no, I don't want to be a partner with you. I'm like, I don't know how this works. Once we found out, I think it's a natural fit, it's a really great fit for us, and especially having team experience, I think it's a no brainer, I love it.

**Q. Jerry, when you're going to play a tournament you have your own plan, right? You go out, you see where you want to play. How does it change Friday to Saturday on your plan or whether it's a plan of a partnership on what you want to do?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, I mean, the scramble is where it changes, no question. You get one in play, you get aggressive, hopefully you get one that's squeezing up there a little bit tighter and a little bit further.

I'm going to go first and get the ball in the fairway. He can be a little bit longer than me chasing it out there, so there might be some holes where I'm more comfortable hitting a driver between some of these bunkers that are out there, and maybe he puts one in the fairway and then I can squeeze my driver up there knowing I'm going to get it into a small area.

But other than that, we play our own games, and we're really good at that. That's why we played well in that, because we didn't dive too deep into, oh, you do this and I'll do this. We just play our games.

And my game is being very aggressive with the driver, hitting it everywhere because I think I can shape it into spots that a lot of guys can't. Well, being short helps.

So there might be an instance where he doesn't want to go, you know, finagle something up there and I'm just, great, hit a 3-wood up there, I'll hit driver and see where she goes.

Yeah, it's playing to your strengths, that's the key.

**Q. A year ago you came in here and talked about your diagnosis. Last five weeks, a win and a runner-up. Do you feel you've got a handle on your body and your health right now?**

**JERRY KELLY:** No, I'm walking on eggshells every single day. You know, I got a spasm rolling over in bed this week. It's been two days, I feel it, but I'm good.

You know, it's the hands, it's the feet, it's the knees, it's the shoulders, it's the forearms. You know, it's not fun. Once the adrenaline hits I get through it, but there's a reason I've been living in my reps and that's felt really good. I've been getting in a cart a little bit more, which I can't stand using those things but it conserves some energy. That's kind of important.

I've weaned myself off not taking too much anti-inflammatories, but my diet tends to flare things up often. I just kind of rely on the adrenaline to get me through. I'm just trying not to stress the adrenals so bad that they're wasted later in life.

I'm learning, still learning how to do things. I've had a lot of people come to me and tell me this and that, everybody's got something but everybody's body's different. I'm looking into the alkalinity of the body right now. I think my pH is pretty acidic. So is my personality.

**Q. Can you just talk about your relationship with Exact Science, Make a Wish Foundation and what it was like to golf with Natalie today?**

**JERRY KELLY:** Yeah, Nat was awesome today. So she's got a chronic lung pulmonary disease that she gets calcified blood clots in her lungs. I mean, those things just freeze your lungs up and it's really difficult to breathe. Now we've got wildfires, we talked about allergies, all these kind of things. It's something she's going to have to live with her whole life. It's work and it's awareness and it's powering through it with a smile. And man, did she have a smile. And she can hit the crap out of the ball. I really messed her up big time today, but it's going to be strides going forward.

But we had such a great time. Her dad was out there, her mom was out there, her brother was out there, her cousins. I mean, her golf team was out there. She's playing for UW Whitewater.

It's just, again, when you meet somebody young who's going through something very difficult, that's when you see that true gift of the personality and the positivity that somebody can radiate onto you when you know they're going through something really hard. That's what makes you take a look at your life and go, yeah, I don't have it that bad, you know? I can smile my way through this, I can have a good time, I can be nice to this person. Not to you, but it's one of those important lessons that we get all the time, and Natalie showed me today how the power of that smile and the gift of that personality can just lift the room up in an incredible way.

So I learned more than she did today probably.

But I will say, and further, for Exact Sciences, for me to be involved with a company like Exact that dives into the Make a Wish, that dives into saving people's lives, just making the world a place where we can actually live in longer, you know, some of the people that aren't going to be with us as long, for them to be able to make a difference in their lives. That's not the case for Nat, she's going to be around for a long time, but it's what they do what you guys don't see, you know, that we have at other tournaments.

It's pretty impressive the reach that Exact has in this country, hopefully the world at some point. It's impressive. I have people come up to me every single week, every single week and talk to me about Cologuard. I'm looking forward to them coming up to me and talking to me about Oncodetect and talking to me about the residual disease testing, and we're going to talk about Cancerguard EX.

I mean, this company has got the best suite of products to make people better and make people aware and give them the knowledge to be able to go forward and take control of their lives. It's a really important thing for me and Jocko knowing who we've lost going through this.

Hats off -- I am going to keep this hat on, but really, hats off to that company for bringing that out and for what they do every single day. It's pretty cool.

**MODERATOR:** Anything else? All right, Jerry, thanks for the time.

**JERRY KELLY:** Oh, one more thing (Laughs.)