

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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JERRY KELLY (-6)

Q. All right, Jerry, currently I think tied for the lead, or maybe T-2.

JERRY KELLY: I was T-2 when I got off, so I have no idea.

Q. Just assess your round and being back here in Endicott this week.

JERRY KELLY: It was really fun, I've had a great time this week. Been to some great restaurants. I'm going to name them, Remlick's, Station 45 in downtown by Chef -- sorry, Chef, I don't remember your name. As the food goes, Kelly goes, and it's been good food.

I've really enjoyed myself and the town. It's just like the old GMO. You have a great hometown feel of this one. It reminds me of my golf course that I grew up on. I mean, I love it here. Why haven't I been coming?

Q. I don't know, great question. You and Jason both finished 6 under par. What was it like to not only have some early success yourself but to watch Jason have that same early success, too?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, we didn't really do it at the same time most of the time. I'd get on a stretch, then he'd get on a stretch, then I'd get on a stretch, go back and forth. So nice to end up together.

Hopefully we play together tomorrow, it's a comfortable pairing. I mean, don't let him fool you, he's not a club pro, he's been on Tour. We know he can play. He's a good guy, it would be fun to play with him again.

Q. Talk to me about the sponsor exemption of Derek. Obviously he won with you '22 in Calgary, stepped on the bag just for a week and got it done. And then for him to get the call after he's written John for eight years these letters, for him to get an opportunity.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I put a good word in for him, too. I think he can deserve it. He's played really well in the Monday qualifiers. I don't know if he's made one or not, but I know he's come really close on a bunch.

No, I've played with him, he's a really good player. I was stressed today, there's no question. That was one of my goals. Sorry, Derek, but you know it was going to happen. Yeah, I



mean, some things like that bring your game up a little bit. Thanks, he brought me up.

Q. What were you happy with with your game today?

JERRY KELLY: Another new putter. I've had some putter issues and just haven't really matched things up all that well. Really my son, Cooper, gave me both a putting tip and swing tips and both of them have been fantastic. So I always say it's a family affair for me. My wife gave me great tips early in the year that propelled me to win, and now Cooper hopefully is doing the same thing, so it's been really fun.

