

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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JERRY KELLY (-5)



Q. Joining us today, first round 2026 Kaulig Companies Championship, two-time champion Jerry Kelly.

Jerry, 5 under. Take us through your round today.

JERRY KELLY: Started out with a great birdie on 10 and a great up-and-down on 11. It kind of steadied me a little bit. I hit the ball really well today. I got the ball in the fairway, I got the ball on the greens and I feel like I was putting well. I didn't make a ton, but I knew I was putting well, so I would make enough of them. And the ones that counted were the ones for par early. I only missed one. Misjudged my 6-iron on my 16th hole, which was 7. You know, that gave me the ability to hit a different club on the next hole, same direction, and get it close to the pin and make a bounce-back. So it was just a solid Firestone round. I just like keeping it between the trees and on the green and using my putting touch because there are going to be some breaking putts out there.

Q. Jerry, talk about your comfort level around here.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I love a tree-lined golf course, it's what I grew up on up in Wisconsin at Maple Bluff Country Club. We just -- it gives me a visual, that's why I've always been able to shape it both ways because I've had to shape it with the size of the trees that we have out there. So it's very similar to home, just a lot longer. This is going to be an even a bigger golf course once the rain comes, but I'm mentally prepared for that and you've just got to go out there and do everything exactly the same.

Q. Two-time champion here already, what would it mean to pick up the win here in the final time around Firestone?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I've won a couple of last events. I'd love to win this one on the last event.

We never say never out here. Somebody could come along and say, hey, we're going to give you this and we want a tournament back here, because the players are always going to say, what tournament do you miss the most? They're going to say Firestone just about every time.

We understand the dynamics. We're all really bummed to be leaving, but yes, to be able to win the last one would be a great send-off. I'm not ruling out a major. This is a major, but a different organizational major possibly. I'm going to throw everything out there in the wind and see if something sticks because I love it here.

