

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: JERRY KELLY (-13)
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DAVE SENKO: Jerry, good way to finish, I guess, to make that putt at 18 to kind of put a cap on your day.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I mean I didn't want to let one go. To have as many shots in between you and the next guy is preferable, but some great players right there as always this week. You know, just go out and play.

DAVE SENKO: How long was that putt?

JERRY KELLY: It was probably about 15 feet, I would say.

DAVE SENKO: Do you want to get your birdies real quick, on the back side, No. 10?

JERRY KELLY: Back side, 10. Make it hard on me, don't you? So long ago. So 10 was a utility and then I hit a little wedge up there from about 127. That was about seven feet or so.

DAVE SENKO: Then 12?

JERRY KELLY: What was 12? I can't even remember 11.

Q. 12 is where we stand and look at the waterfall.

JERRY KELLY: Oh, yeah, the waterfall. That's a great one. Yeah, it doesn't help. No, I hit a good drive and had another wedge from 129 yards, used the hill to the right and brought it down there about six feet, knocked that one in. You're going to make me go even further, right?

DAVE SENKO: 14 you should know, right?

JERRY KELLY: Is that the canyon hole? Yeah, canyon hole, I know that one. Yeah, I hit a good drive and a sand wedge from 115 yards behind the hole about eight feet.

DAVE SENKO: And then next hole you made another birdie, par 5.

JERRY KELLY: Par 5, hit a decent drive but it kicked into the rough and I was just trying to get it close to the green but not too far. I knocked it actually past where I wanted to so I had a delicate little lob shot over the edge of the bunker and hit about the best shot I've hit all week there to about three feet and knocked that one in.

DAVE SENKO: Your only bogey was at 7.

JERRY KELLY: Three-putt, yep.

Q. On 14 they were thrilled because they get half-price beers for 10 minutes and so they were screaming your name.

JERRY KELLY: Excellent. I love that.

Q. Do you attribute it to the mood?

JERRY KELLY: I did that at Wisconsin, I did that in Des Moines, so I'm always happy to contribute to delinquency. It's good.

Q. I think Dave said the last time you had the lead was 2002, you were in the final round and you won that day. Does that give you confidence that you can do it again?

JERRY KELLY: Last time I had the lead and won is what, you're saying?

Q. He said last time you led going into the final round, right?

DAVE SENKO: Yeah, on tour, Sony Open.

JERRY KELLY: Are you sure it wasn't TPC two years ago?

DAVE SENKO: I don't think so. I looked at that.

JERRY KELLY: I think you're wrong. No, I'm guessing you're probably right. (Laughs.)

DAVE SENKO: No, you did have at THE PLAYERS one year, but I think it was before 2002.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, that was before that one. I thought that was after the third round, maybe tied for yeah, I haven't been in that position all that often. This is just another step for me on this tour. The first day was the first, I was tied for the lead. This is another first. I'll be thrilled if there's another first tomorrow. You know, I've definitely been humbled by the way these guys can play. You just keep going, you just keep playing as hard as you can. It's three days and they've proved they step on the gas.

Q. How important is it for your mood just overall to not make a bogey on that last hole?

JERRY KELLY: Oh, it was big. You know, the more you show signs of going backwards, the more they're going to smell blood in the water. You just want to keep hitting fairways, keep hitting greens, make every putt you can possibly get and go to the next hole.

Q. You're a big Packer fan, right?

JERRY KELLY: I am, absolutely.

Q. So you're going to have some Packer gear tomorrow?

JERRY KELLY: No, no. You know, I would love to be able to do the belt, but yeah, that time will come when we can get to that.

DAVE SENKO: Fred was saying the other day he's going to go up to Lambeau for the opener.

JERRY KELLY: Which Fred? Couples?

DAVE SENKO: Yeah.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, that's great. I mean, it's a fantastic stadium, it's a lot of fun. A lot of fun to play there, I'm sure, but it's a lot of fun to watch.

Q. Does it matter who you're playing with tomorrow, you've got Mayfair and Smith, looks like it might be Langer and Montgomerie. Would that be irrelevant to you at this point?

JERRY KELLY: Totally irrelevant. Just go play and try and have some fun. It's always a cliché, but it's a cliché for a reason. If I can have some fun, I'm going to have fun.

Q. Will you watch the leaderboard to see how --

JERRY KELLY: Absolutely. Yeah, I watch it. Every time I can see it, I'm going to watch. I want to know exactly where I stand. I want to know if I'm going to go over that bunker on 18 again, or at least not make it again.

Q. Speaking of firsts, no first-round leader has ever won this tournament in its 13 years. Is that kind of surprising to you?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, that many times without, yeah, that is a surprising stat. Hopefully, a lot of firsts.

Q. You were a hockey player. I read someplace that you thought early in your golf career that your hockey may have actually hurt your golf a bit because you were just too aggressive?

JERRY KELLY: It could have hurt or helped. Yeah, I was a better golfer than a hockey player. Guys that I played with have bigger rings, Stanley Cup champions on them. Those are real hockey players. I enjoyed it, though.