

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JERRY KELLY (-6)

Q. All right, our defending champion. Kind of towards the middle of your round you had five birdies in a six-hole stretch. Can you just talk us through that a little bit?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I put my old set of irons in this week and things just kind of clicked with them. Felt good with the putter as well. Driver, I was hitting the fairways except for a few times. So it was kind of my normal type of round, but I made some of those putts I needed to make.

Q. Seems like the rain delay did you no favors?

JERRY KELLY: No, I can't wind it back up. I tried not to eat too much, and I didn't. I tried to go to the trailer and stretch, but I'm an adrenaline guy and I couldn't find that adrenaline coming back out, I was just kind of blah. It is what it is.

Q. Yeah, but you had it going, didn't you?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I had it going. It would have been nice to keep going, but doesn't matter, that's golf.

Q. What is it about this golf course that fits your eye?

JERRY KELLY: I mean, you've got to hit it in some sides of fairways just to hit the fairways. You can't just blow it wherever you want, you've got to place the ball off the tee on a decent amount of holes. And that's my strength, give myself short irons in where some of the other courses I may have long irons in to utilities. This definitely plays to my strengths.

Q. Steve mentioned that this place reminds him and probably you of back home.

JERRY KELLY: Absolutely, yeah. This is very similar to Maple Bluff Country Club where I grew up in Madison. Yeah, it's the same type of grass, fairways, greens, everything, lots of trees. I hope they keep a few of them for next year.