

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JERRY KELLY

Q. I know this kind of messes everybody up, and in your situation you didn't even tee off, right?

JERRY KELLY: I didn't tee off, which puts us in the spot of being first off. So it's almost like we're on the course, we're going to have to start at the same time everybody else starts. It's going to be an early morning. A lot of us got to get a workout in before we even go practice on the range. Hopefully they get to us an hour and a half before if it's still raining and standing water, that they can tell us, okay, we're going to delay it until this time or whatnot.

But if it's any chance of playing in the morning, we're going to be out here and get our preparation done because we have to tee off right away.

Q. This is part of golf, right?

JERRY KELLY: This is definitely nothing out of the ordinary for us. Everybody's had such terrible weather this year it seems like, even the last couple years. We've run into it an awful lot. Just happy it's not cold.

Q. Did you play out here much on the regular PGA TOUR?

JERRY KELLY: I played out here every chance I could. I had a lot of good chances to win at this golf course. I didn't play very well last year, but still I think I had a decent finish. I can't even remember. No, I'm excited to be back here again.

Q. On the regular PGA TOUR did you play much?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, that's what I meant. I've only played one other year here at the Senior event.

Q. Oh, okay, okay, okay.

JERRY KELLY: But I had a lot of good chances to win on the regular Tour.

Q. Okay, okay. I know they played at the Golf Club of Houston at Redstone quite a bit, but I didn't realize you played --

JERRY KELLY: Absolutely.

Q. Okay.

JERRY KELLY: Well, when you interviewed me last year you knew that.

Q. Okay. Well, that's a whole year ago, I can't remember that. Do you know how many interviews I've done since then? How can you remember that?

JERRY KELLY: I can remember that. We sat right over there at that table when you interviewed me for an article last year. You have to go back in your notes.

Q. Okay, okay. What I'm getting at, though, whenever this was on the PGA TOUR, this thing was like every year there was a rain delay.

JERRY KELLY: Absolutely. You know the Memorial tournament in Ohio there's always going to be a rain delay. We know when we come to certain golf tournaments when the right conditions of spring are here, we're going to run into some trouble. So we're well prepared for this, we understand it.

You know what, we kind of like the way the officials do things on this tour. I mean, if we've got any chance to play, we're going to play because, you know, we're kind of an exhibition tour and we want to put on a show and we want to perform. It doesn't really make as much difference. You know, you hate for the weather to be a determining factor of the outcome of a tournament, but when it comes to us, we want to play for the people. It doesn't really matter what we're playing in. If they want to come out and watch, we're going to play for them. I don't know if Bob Seger played last night, probably not. But the show must go on for us. We're going to play.

Q. Okay. When you guys, you know, golfers, you guys get together, talk about different stuff, do you guys ever talk about the schedule, you know, like Houston? Does it ever come up like Houston, oh, yeah? Does that ever come up in conversation?

JERRY KELLY: All the time, all the time.

Q. It's kind of like what you were touching on?

JERRY KELLY: We're talking about the change in the PGA Championship and the Champions Tour PGA. We're up in Rochester New York, and now the regular Tour has got the regular Tour up in New York. I mean, there's a good chance it could be really nasty and cold and rainy, could get a nor'easter. You never know what you're going to get. We know that the PGA TOUR or the PGA itself has kind of hurt itself in going so early that some of the northern tournaments that they're used to playing in, courses might not be ready. There might be some difficulties in that. It will break some of the southern ones out where instead of being, you know, Southern Hills like what it was in Oklahoma, it was 118 degrees heat index and everybody --

Q. There's four seasons in Tulsa, I can tell you.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, hot, hot, hot and hotter. So it's something we all talk about, we all know, we all prepare for, but most of the guys out here play every week anyway. It's fun to be out.

Q. I didn't know if you guys said, okay, Houston, great city, friendly people, rain, something like that.

JERRY KELLY: I mean, some people won't go because their bodies can't handle stopping and starting and things like that, going from the hot into the air conditioning, things like that. I mean, we know what we're heading into every single week.