

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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JERRY KELLY (-7)



Q. Jerry, 7 under start, you had the six birdies in a row streak from 12 to 17. Just talk us through that.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I'd rather talk you through that than the 18 pull, that's for sure.

I didn't even realize I was on a pretty good birdie streak until I saw it on 17, that was fun. I knew I was 8 under but didn't know I just made six in a row. I tried to play safe down the left-hand side, pushed it a little bit. It was such an easy bunker shot, I wanted to hit 5 out of there. I played safe, hit a 7, just pulled it trying to make sure I got as much as I could out of it, which if you're going to play safe, if you're going to lay up, lay up.

So put myself in a really tough spot. And then yeah, I misread that one when I won and two-putted from there. Luckily I had an extra shot in the bag when I won because that putt got me again. I moved on it.

No, I feel good, I was in the last group at Dick's after the first day. You know, I haven't played particularly well but a few of these rounds and I'm starting to feel like my old self a little bit. I felt really good today and I felt really calm. That one made me pretty angry. You know, I can look back on more good than bad, that's for sure.

Q. How much of your good play recently is feeling better?

JERRY KELLY: I mean, there's no question that my back has felt better. I will say the other stuff is never going to go away.

Yeah, I just, I take it a little more as it comes and enjoy it when I get out of bed in the morning.

Q. I know you beat yourself up a lot. How quickly will you forget about 18 and move on, because like you said, there's more good than bad today?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah. I mean, I'm just trying to get in the lead and keep going, that's all we try and do.

I did the first step, at least for now, and I need to keep going. Yeah, there's no looking back. I know exactly what I did. I hate it when I can't fly those bunkers on the right, and I didn't think I could and then the wind died and I get in the one on the left. It's just like, oh, man, should have gone for it. But you know, I still could reach if I went up the left-hand side correctly but I didn't.

Q. When's the last time you remember having six birdies in a row or have you done that before?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I had the Tour record for a while.

Q. You obviously win -- your first Champions Tour win was here. Is this tournament a little more special because of that?

JERRY KELLY: Oh, absolutely. I mean, it's special because of this whole area, I love it. When I can look around and forget about golf, that's a great thing for me. It's so beautiful up here that it can even make me forget about golf.

Q. What would it mean for you to win this thing again?

JERRY KELLY: It would mean a lot because it just shows me when I come back to a place that I love, my golf follows.