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Jerry Kelly

Quick Quotes



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knowing what to expect, how do you prepare going into tomorrow and the rest of the weekend?

JERRY KELLY: All we can do is -- I'm glad I get to sleep in tomorrow. It's going to be tough on the guys trying to get up and get out here and wait. But it was supposed to come was it last year on Sunday and we got through it? Let's just hope that happens again with the percentages in our favor and we get it done.

Q. How was it playing with Albert?

JERRY KELLY: Albert is great. We played in the pro-am yesterday, so we've got good rapport. Bret Baier is awesome. I watch him. I love it.

That was a really fun group, and I was really bummed not to be playing well at the beginning, but I'm really glad I turned it on.

Q. You yourself are just a competitor and wear your emotion on the sleeve. Do you see them feeding off you? Does that natural instinct kick in with even these guys coming out?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, you get a guy who's been at the top of his sport, you want to show him you've got a little game or something, too. I love that kind of pick-me-up a little bit more. Some people would call it extra pressure, me, I just want to do it more, and that tends to help sometimes.

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THE MODERATOR: Pretty quiet through the first seven or so holes, but then you turned it on. Just a few comments about today.

JERRY KELLY: I wasn't really quiet in the first seven holes I'd have to say. After two weeks, just trying to get back into it. I didn't work a whole lot in those two weeks. I had some things going.

I was happy to have adrenaline, but it was sending me all over the place, which was awesome. I loved having it.

I knew once I could kind of button things up and start harnessing it that I could play well, so that's what happened.

Q. When you take those stretches of two weeks off, was there ever any concern that you might not be able to get back in time for round 1 of the first tournament back?

JERRY KELLY: No, the problem is that you come out wanting to gun at it because you know there's a chance. It's 36 holes. So you over-try a little bit, and the next thing you know, you're 1-over instead of just, okay, plot yourself into the round and be an enjoyable couple under through the first four or five rather than getting yourself behind the 8-ball.

I felt good, so I knew I could, but I just wasn't, and I did.

Q. Bobby Stricker says no one leans like Jerry Kelly. Can you tell us what you think about when you lean and is there a difference between a good and a bad shot when you're leaning?

JERRY KELLY: I'm going to say it's a little more Luke Skywalker than Darth Vader, but there is a force behind the lean. There's no question. I can affect that ball. That's all I'm saying. I'm not going to tell you how, but I can affect that ball.

Q. With the weather conditions rolling in and really not

