

# U.S. Senior Open

Flash Interview

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## Jerry Kelly

**Q. Did you approach the holes any differently than you had before?**

JERRY KELLY: Not really. I struck the ball okay today. Not as good as I did the first two days. But definitely good enough to be under par. Three 3-putts kind of held me back. But I know the striking is still there. So it can be had tomorrow.

**Q. Got off to a good start on the front nine?**

JERRY KELLY: And the bogey on 2 was awesome. Thanks.

**Q. I meant your birdies off 3, 6, and 9.**

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, I got them back nicely. You'd like to get that 1, 2 and 3. I did get 3 but you want to get rolling right away. And I did. I hit a good shot -- I hit all good shots on 10 and made bogey. That can happen. And 12 just happened. I felt pretty good with the putter and I got a little steep with my backstroke, and I pop it and squirt it. That's just what happens sometimes. I know it. Right afterwards it's like I told my caddie, we can reset. I know exactly what I did. It just happens.

**Q. Were you calm at that point, even though --**

JERRY KELLY: No, I wasn't nearly as calm. No, I had to really bring myself back. And the next couple of holes, you know, the next hole was a fantastic up-and-down. That ball was nested in there and it was tough. I took a pretty big swing from a short yardage. That kind of evened me out a little bit. But I was still a little more cautious than I've been all week after doing that. But it's understandable.

**Q. A lot of times in the U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, the payoff is just hanging in there. Did you feel you hung in there today?**

JERRY KELLY: Definitely hung in there. Especially after something like that happens. Yeah, you can go south quick when the conditions are like this. So I was happy -- especially making that last putt, I was pretty happy. I don't like shooting over par especially with the way I struck the ball. But you know golf, obviously it could have been worse.

**Q. Now you have the lead. What's your mindset as you work your way into tomorrow's round?**

JERRY KELLY: Go low. I think tomorrow is a go-low day. I'm notoriously bad on Saturdays. I really enjoy my Sundays. I'm ready.



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