ROBBY SHELTON (-22)



Q. Robby, you tied your career-low round today with a 61. You just put on a show out there. Walk me through your day and what were your favorite moments out there?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, it was, you know, from the range honestly, I was hitting it really well, made a ton of the putts on the putting green. Usually you don't really care about that, but I took it to the course and got off to a hot start, birdied the first three and really just never looked back. I kept firing at pins and being smart, but going at pins when I needed to, when I knew I could. I was making the putts as well. Just played smart and had a couple tap-ins here and there, made a few putts and it was a fun round.

Q. Back-to-back weeks of being in contention. I mean, what can you point to and credit that towards, if anything?

ROBBY SHELTON: Last week, Friday had an 8-under round and had some momentum but kind of fell off the horse and didn't play well on the weekend and I didn't want that to happen this week. Just kept the mindset, keep birdieing and it finally happened for me.

Q. You obviously had a lot of great shots out there today, but what was your favorite?

ROBBY SHELTON: That's tough. I don't know. I'd probably say 15, the iron shot to get it to 8 under, I think that was, you know, pretty close to making that one. Had a tap-in and it took me to the two par 5s and kind of relieved some stress.

Q. You're not just leading, you're leading by five strokes going into tomorrow. What does that feel like? What's the mindset, one more day to go with a five-stroke lead?

ROBBY SHELTON: Same mindset really. First two days shot 6 under and just really wanted to keep making birdies, you have to out here. I know there's going to be guys chasing me, so still the same mindset. I'm probably not going to be as aggressive on some holes, but still just play my game and do the same thing hopefully.

Q. I know we talked about this before, but for a new audience possibly this week, having been on tour and being back out here, how often does it cross your mind like I was once there? I know you're appreciative of being here, but how often do you think of those days?

ROBBY SHELTON: I think about it a lot. You see all your buddies out there on the PGA

Tour playing well. I was there. My first year out there I was played really good, made it to BMW [Championship] I really want to be there again. It crosses my mind a lot and hopefully I can get back there.

Q. What motivates you to succeed in this career?

ROBBY SHELTON: I don't know. Really just showing people what I have, you know. I know I've got a lot of talent and I really want to show it, just haven't lived up to it quite yet.

Q. And a win tomorrow, I mean, how much are you thinking about that? Is it more so just go out there and do my thing or is it like there's a win on the line?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, definitely going out and doing my thing. Haven't won in a long time, so it would be really special. It's going to be a fun day. Even with a five-shot lead, it will be a lot of fun.

Q. You have won before, so how much will you draw back from those moments where you did win and use that tomorrow?

ROBBY SHELTON: Actually, my first win out here I had a four-shot lead out here in Nashville going into the final round and bogeyed my first four holes, so lost the lead quick. Hopefully, this week will be a lot different. You know, winning in Knoxville as well, I can always look back and draw upon that.

Q. I wasn't going to bring up the lead, but the fact that it was there, was it excitement or like maybe trying too hard to extend the lead? Like that round -- and the fact that you ended up winning, are you able to take that into tomorrow and it's like, oh, my God, I can't believe I did that in Nashville?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, for sure. I was just trying to win for my first time on the Korn Ferry and those first four holes are pretty tough and I had to get through those. Yeah, I got a little different mindset tomorrow. I'm a little more I guess advanced and veteranized a little bit. It will be a lot of fun, but swinging it really well and putting well, so not going to get too nervous.

Q. Last time we talked you said you were doing something funky with your swing on tour, whatever you got out there. Do you ever see that coming back up anymore or is that a thing of the past?

ROBBY SHELTON: It's kind of a thing of the past now. I've worked my butt off at home, and then playing so much, I've kind of got it out. It's kind of gone forever hopefully and I can keep swinging the way I am permanently.