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ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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ROBBY SHELTON (-22, won 2nd playoff hole)

Q. Robby, what an incredible day, win No. 3 here in Greer, South Carolina. How are you feeling right now?

ROBBY SHELTON: I'm feeling great. Finally. It's been three long years. I've been fighting and fighting and fighting, trying to get a win, trying to just play some good golf. I've been trending and trending, and finally it felt really good this week. The whole game did. It felt great and I ran with it. Made it a little tough on myself this last day, but I tend to do that. Just happy to get the W.

Q. Walk me through today. Coming in with a five-shot lead, ending up in two-hole playoff, walk me through your day. Did the mentality change throughout the round or what was going on out there?

ROBBY SHELTON: Not really. The same mentality. The pins were a little harder and it was a little windier, so, I mean, I honestly thought just shooting something under par today would be great. Ended up 1-under would have done that. Ben [Griffin] just played amazing. Shooting 5-under in these conditions today – firm, fast – to do that, he deserved to be up there in the playoff. The mentality didn't change, still played well but didn't make the putts and just had a few small breaks that didn't go my way. Still excited, though.

Q. It's hard to ignore the leaderboard when they're all over the course, right? So at any point when you see these guys get close, do you let that get to you? Do you think about it or do you just try to focus on the hole ahead?

ROBBY SHELTON: You try to focus on the next shot. Every single time, next shot, next shot.

But it's hard not to look. Then when you're only one ahead, two ahead, you probably need to look. And I did after No. 13 I think it was, I looked and saw I had a two-shot lead. I knew I had two par 5s coming down the stretch. There were birdies to be made. Made one and kept the momentum going, but he just finished amazing.

Q. Finding a little bit of trouble here on 18, that last hole in contention, what was your mindset approaching this final green knowing I just have to get it?

ROBBY SHELTON: We changed our game plan and probably shouldn't have. We hit 3-wood off the tee. We hadn't done it all week. I don't know why. It was a little downwind, we were thinking we'd get in the bunker, but in the playoff I hit two drivers and played really well

in the playoff. Just, we changed our game plan, shouldn't have done that. That's the only mental mistake we did all day really and it kind of cost us a little bit.

Q. You're fighting for that position back on PGA TOUR, you're one step closer today with this win. So just in general, what does this win mean to you?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, it feels amazing. It's so hard to win nowadays on any tour. There's so many great golfers. And that's what you dream about. You just want to win. It solves everything. I feel amazing. It feels great to finally get another one. To say I have three Korn Ferry [Tour] wins is pretty cool, but I definitely want to make the next step again and hopefully stay out there a little longer.

Q. How does this win compare to those first two that you had in Nashville?

ROBBY SHELTON: I'd say it's up there. It's probably better, honestly, because I wasn't struggling as bad going into those events. Through college, played well and just I was playing good golf my whole life and kind of struggled. The fight back was, you know, it was pretty heartwarming just to be able to do that and come back after playing really bad golf. Yeah, this one might be the best, for sure.

Q. We heard that you're just like the king of the Ville now between Knoxville, Nashville and Greenville.

ROBBY SHELTON: I didn't realize that, but that's pretty cool. I've always liked this place, too. I came in second here one time so had good vibes.

Q. I know the BMW [Championship] on PGA TOUR meant a lot to you, but this BMW here will always hold a special place in your heart as well?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yes, for sure. This will always be in my memory for sure. Hopefully I can get one more win and climb the ladder again and get back out there.

Q. As you look back on you talk about you changed your swing to try to hit a cut and that resulted in sort of the season like last year. Do you look back on it as almost like you're frustrated you did it to yourself or are you kind of past that?

ROBBY SHELTON: I'm very frustrated at doing it to myself. I don't know, golfers are trying to chase perfection and it's just not going to happen. You just have to play your game. I got on tour and I just kind of wanted to be somebody else, not me. Now, you know, I know my game and I know everything about it more now because I studied it, studied it, studied it to where I know what's going to happen on the course when something goes on. Now I think I just, it made me stronger, it made me better, for sure mentally and just knowing my whole game now, not trying to figure out if I'm doing the right thing.

Q. Coming back here for a year, was there a positive like you took away from it that this was something you could come out the other side better from?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, I did not look down on it at all. I played pretty bad last year and I was just happy to get full status out here from the wins. We left Korn Ferry [Tour] Finals last year and didn't think we had status, thought I had to go back to Q-School. Being able to have full status out here, set my schedule, I was looking forward to it.

Q. Is it easy to look back on the PGA TOUR with regret, but it sounds like for you it happened the way it should have. Can you attest to that a little bit? Yes, going out there, coming back isn't ideal, but you learned something, coming out stronger because of it?

ROBBY SHELTON: For sure. God has a plan for us all and I really think He did it for a reason and He made me stronger coming out this end. I had to fight. I had some rough nights, but it was -- it happened for a reason and I'm way stronger now.

Q. Could you quickly just take us back to No. 18 in regulation when you made bogey? What was kind of going through your mind and how you had to change your mindset?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah. I just thought adrenaline, being downwind, the driver would get in the bunker. And I've been hitting 3-wood all day, so I knew I could hit it well, but it just kind of -- I hit it a lot straighter and the driver I turn over a little more, so I can turn over the driver on this hole and be fine and just overcooked a 3-wood. I hit a good shot up here, but made a careless mistake on the chip, tried to do something I shouldn't have. Besides that, mindset is still make par and make him have to birdie.

Q. What does it mean to get it done in front of your fiancée? And was that your mom? Is it your mom that's here?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah.

Q. So getting a win is awesome, but doing it in front of them, is that extra special to you?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, for sure. They made the drive from Mobile. That's a long drive for them and it's just cool to just have them here. They were here I -- I think in Knoxville. They didn't get to see Nashville, but I think in Knoxville. They've been waiting three years, too. They are my biggest fans and they're there with me, they support me every step of the way. It was very cool to have them here and finally get it done in front of them.

Q. Did you hear them coming down 18 when you were coming down 18?

ROBBY SHELTON: Walking up, yeah. I even think on the tee I heard them screaming after my tee shot just because it got so far down there and they probably knew I had a wedge in. I could hear them for sure, they were rooting me on.