

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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ROBBY SHELTON (-13)



Q. Robby, how would you characterize the round today?

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ROBBY SHELTON: It was solid. I hit the ball well. I had a few slipups, had a few bogeys, but out here you've got to minimize those, but it was a good round.

Q. Were you surprised with the weather conditions you saw when you came out for your round today?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, I thought it would be a lot worse. It was pretty calm on our front nine and kind of took advantage of it. Even at the end there, played really well in the bad conditions.

Q. You've had some highs and lows in your career since you came out of Alabama. How have you been able to kind of like kind of manage those and continue to get back to the PGA TOUR and out here this year?

ROBBY SHELTON: I don't know, just always, you know, telling yourself that you have the game to be out here. You know, I've always thought that and just went through a weird slump last year. Kind of got through it and now I feel really good about my game again.

Q. Where'd your game improved a lot since last year to this year?

ROBBY SHELTON: Ball-striking, for sure. I've always putted it pretty decent, but last year I just went through some things that I shouldn't have, started chasing down a rabbit hole, but kind of got back to my old self hitting draws again and it feels really good. I know what the ball's going to do when it comes off the face.

Q. Were you trying to hit cuts? Was that the rabbit hole you went down?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, trying to hit cuts, trying to just make my swing perfect and not playing golf.

Q. I talked to -- actually, Garrick Higgo told me the same thing earlier this year is that he chased hitting cuts and he's like, I've got to go back to hitting draws. Is that kind of sometimes as simple as that, you go down that rabbit hole as guys have done with



speed or whatever else?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah.

Q. But then you can just say no, I've got to go back and hopefully you find that again?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah. I think it's just whatever you grow up playing. I grew up slinging draws and you definitely have to get it more under control out here, but just my eyes, even with the right pin, I see a little draw. If I miss I touch too far left, I'm fine with it, it's always in a safe spot. So yeah, that's what my eyes see, so I need to do that.

Q. What do you feel like you have to do this weekend not knowing weather or where things are going to finish today to keep yourself in contention?

ROBBY SHELTON: The way I'm swinging it, just got to stay patient. The putts, I'm not making everything, but if I can keep swinging it well, getting looks at it, I think I can be right there in contention.

Q. You played the par 3s really well today, three birdies and a par. Are you conscious of that when you come out that they're pretty critical holes it seems like?

ROBBY SHELTON: Yeah, yeah, they are, especially on the back nine, you've got two pretty hard par 3s. Not really. I'm just swinging it well, hitting my irons well and it kind of just correlates to the par 3s, I guess.

Q. And you played here once before, the first event, a pair of 76s to miss the cut, but coming back here, did you have any sort of, you know, the knowledge that you gained from the course, have you put it into practice obviously this week? What did you learn from that?

ROBBY SHELTON: You know, that two years ago when I was playing here, three years ago, '19, that was the worst I've swung it in a long time and I just, I had to get that out of my head. I had two bad rounds and I think it was a little windier, but learned a lot. You've got to make a lot of birdies. That's usually key if the weather isn't too bad.

