### CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club

#### ROUND 3 INTERVIEW March 25, 2023

**SHAD TUTEN (-11)** 



## Q. Shad, one bogey today, finished up with a nice birdie on 18. Got to feel good going into the final round?

**SHAD TUTEN:** Yeah, for sure. I'm right where I want to be. I mean, reasonably speaking at the beginning of the week if I was 2 or 3 back from the lead, I would be right where I wanted to be. Yeah, I really didn't have my best stuff today on the greens, just absolutely striping the golf ball. Looking really ready for tomorrow.

#### Q. Any plans tonight that are different than the last two nights?

**SHAD TUTEN:** Not really, no. Just actually Beccah just told me, she was like I'm getting in the car and I'm ready for Seasons of Japan, so that's what we're doing again. Maybe I'll get something a little different on the menu, but we're going to go there and I'm definitely going to have a bourbon after today.

## Q. Whenever -- I know on 18 a fan yelled. How good is it to feel the support and know that they're all there?

**SHAD TUTEN:** Yeah, it is unbelievable. You know, that kind of stuff happens, it is what it is, people are excited, they're ready to yell. But it basically means that I'm not playing for myself, I'm playing for everyone else most of the time and it makes me feel really good when I actually perform.

#### Q. You mentioned the greens, but what's it going to take to (inaudible) tomorrow?

**SHAD TUTEN:** Truthfully, just doing more of the same. I hit a lot of good putts, they just didn't go in. Later in the day the greens grow a little bit more, a little bit grainier if that makes sense. I adjusted a little bit too late to it, but like I said, I'm hitting it great and just ready for another day.

Q. What's the biggest thing you've learned over the last few years? You've been in 54-hole spots. What's the biggest thing you've learned about those days that you need to --

**SHAD TUTEN:** Yeah, I would say just be ready. There's -- and don't get surprised. You put yourself in this position for a reason. And I'm ready to perform, that's really what it is. It's just



pedal down and do what I can and that's it.

## Q. Is this a unique one just because of where we are? I wouldn't say there's too much pressure, but do you enjoy being kind of a little uncomfortable?

**SHAD TUTEN:** I thrive on it. I really feel like it's more so more motivation than I usually would have at any other event. Like I said before, this is my major, this is the one that really means the most to me. Obviously every event is equal in points and money and all that, but this one means the world to me. I'm just ready.

# Q. Do you enjoy kind of chasing because it makes you kind of force your hand to play --

**SHAD TUTEN:** It forces me to be a little more aggressive and I tend to play better when I do that. So yeah, I mean, it's a pretty good spot to be in, so I'm excited.

