

## THE PANAMA CHAMPIONSHIP

### ROUND 4 QUOTES

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**JOSH TEATER** (-9)

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**Q. Josh, what a day, what a whirlwind.**

**JOSH TEATER:** Unbelievable.

**Q. You're a Korn Ferry Tour champion again.**

**JOSH TEATER:** Yes, I knew it could happen, long 16 years almost: Very thankful and grateful for that. Thankful for all the Lord has given me. That's all I can say. Thank you.

**Q. 403rd PGA TOUR sanctioned starts between your win in 2009 to today to your win in Panama. Tell me about that number.**

**JOSH TEATER:** A lot ups, downs, great play. bad play. But threw it all, support. My family, my wife, my kids. Not all those starts, they weren't born. My parents, friends, sponsors, all the way. Thank you. That's all I can say. I'm just glad to keep competing at something and it's been golf for the last it 2, 3 years as a pro.

**Q. You mentioned a few minutes ago that a month ago the process, you were considering not playing anymore. So take us through to that moment.**

**JOSH TEATER:** Yeah, it's tough. My status wasn't good. I played hard last year, just got nothing going, no good at Q-School like we mentioned. Like I said, thankful for the BD Global sponsorship exemptions in the Bahamas the first two tournaments. That got me on my feet, played nicely and I'm just thankful to be here and to keep going.

**Q. I'm not into betting, but they asked me a number, I'm very ignorant about betting, but you were minus 340 to win on Draft Kings and minus 370 on Fan Duel. I don't know exactly what that means, I don't know if you know about that. The odds were not in your favor entering the week.**

**JOSH TEATER:** Probably not, but the Lord is good and I'm in his hands. He can do anything. I just try to keep going forward and do my best. You know, live with what comes, whether it's good or bad.

**Q. Tied for 20th at the start of the day. Your mindset entering the round and how things evolved for you to be where you are right now?**



**JOSH TEATER:** Yeah, just try to play conservatively aggressive to targets on the greens. I saw the pin sheet and really, like I said, try to make it to next week in bogey TAU. I knew around even par score would probably do that. Got off to a good start and had some nice birdies, some nice par saves. The birdie on 11 from 8-iron out of the fairway bunker, 30-foot putt was huge. Didn't want to PWO\*EBG 18, but thankfully that didn't matter. We'll look forward to next week getting started again.

**Q. Your round, your final round, by two shots, the round of the day on an extremely tough course. A lot of guys struggled today. You stayed under control. So it has to feel amazing. The fact that you're a veteran, it's important on a course like this.**

**JOSH TEATER:** A hundred percent, yes. I've been around here a number of times on Saturday and Sunday and I've shot 5, 6 over because the course got me. I got upset. I just kind of had that mindset to not let that happen and draw on the experience that I have. We talk about the game getting younger, and it is, but I have a lot of experience that I can draw on. Luckily, today that ended up paying off.

**Q. Tell me about the way you finished. You started an hour and a half before the last group teed off, so it was a long wait. How was it to wait for the outcome and see what the other guys did out there on the course?**

**JOSH TEATER:** I mean, it was fine: I didn't really do much. There was nothing I could do to control what was happening. I had done what I could. I just enjoyed hang with KWRAOEU watt and Carlos and talking to my family on the phone and booking a flight for next week, staying busy really. Hit some putts once they got to the last hole and watched the last shot there.

**Q. You just mentioned Carlos, your local caddie. What's the story of had he caddying for you?**

**JOSH TEATER:** So I played in the pro-am with two of his sons, Feilipe and Carlos and they were out watching on Friday. My caddie for the week, Wyatt, was getting heat exhaustion, I believe. So I said, man, you need to go in and get taken care of. Carlos was out there, he caddied the last four holes, we made three birdies.

Then yesterday Wyatt wasn't 100 percent, so I said just rest, Carlos and I will go have fun and we did. Wyatt was good today . What a combination it was. A week that we'll never forget.

**Q. This victory gets you in great position for the rest of the season. You'll be fighting for one of those 20 PGA TOUR cards for the 2026 season. Talk about that.**

**JOSH TEATER:** Yes, that's what we come out on the Korn Ferry Tour is to try to finish as high as we can. I've done it three times, so let's make it a fourth. I still believe I can play out there and play at a good rate.



**Q. Can you talk about your season so far, where you started with statUS and how you got to here?**

**JOSH TEATER:** Yeah, I was a veteran member of the Korn Ferry Tour because I made 150 cuts between the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour so that basically gets my foot in the door. I was committed for next week and I think I'm 80 spots out. So I'm not going to get into any tournaments, but I have a personal relationship with the BD Global people that live in Lexington that run the Bahamas events. My wife went to school with one of them and Josh Franklin and Brooks Dunning, the other. When they started running golf tournaments, they kind of asked us some questions like what should we do, how do we do this. We tried to help as much as we could and they repaid the favor and kind of kept my dream alive to keep going. I played pretty good in the first event, I think 45th and finished seventh in Abaco and got my way here, won a trophy.

