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ADAM SCHENK (-12)



MODERATOR: We would like to welcome the 2025 Butterfield Bermuda Championship winner, Adam Schenk. How does that sound?

ADAM SCHENK: Unbelievable. Was really hoping this day would come at some point in my life. Never really know if it is. That's what makes the journey so amazing, interesting, and it's a surreal moment when it finally does.

Q. Surreal. What sort of emotions are you feeling right now?

ADAM SCHENK: Several. Like in a sense a little bit of, you know, just relief that it was so difficult, so a little bit of relief that it's over with, and to finally get it done because it just seems like at some point or another I've been so close so many times. Eventually you get it done or you don't, and I'm only going to have so many more of these opportunities, especially if I would have lost in a four-, five-man playoff and still end up having to go to Q-School.

Like that was just a massive putt for me to make, a massive putt to have go in. It's somewhat life changing. It's life changing I get two more years on the PGA TOUR. I feel like I'm playing the best golf of my life that I ever played. For a lot of this year I just haven't putt well and maybe putting one-handed this week a little bit. Unfortunately, it was too windy over the weekend to actually have one hand on the wheel, so I had to put the other hand on top, but I'll be interested to see how that holds true next week in Sea Island at RSM.

Q. You said playing great. You obviously played great this week in difficult, difficult conditions. You were almost flawless over the last 65 holes. Two bogeys in those last 65 holes, one of them came at 15 when that short putt missed and that was the first flaw you had for a while. How did you react to that?

ADAM SCHENK: It's bound to happen at some point. It's pretty unbelievable that I went that long. One bogey over the weekend, that's unbelievable. It's great golf. It's also a great amount of fortune in making some other par putts.

Made a nice one on 14. Some of the putts out here that are downhill, downwind, down grain look pretty fast but since they haven't been able to do anything to the greens the last couple days, they're not as fast as they look. But they still rolled pretty darn good the last two days, especially today with how windy it was again and how much traffic's been on it for two days, four days really.

It's just such a big relief to have that last putt go in, I can't explain it.



Q. Let's talk about the last few holes. 17, the conditions were so weird, you hit a lot of little stingy, low sort of sawn off shots. How long is it since you had to play those type of shots?

ADAM SCHENK: I play those shots a lot. It's just fun for me to be creative and hit those little shots. Every once in a while when I do it with a driver I'll top one, especially when I'm at home just playing with my buddies. Bunker's always there.

I'm a pretty straight shooter, I'll call it like it is. If I'm playing good, I'll say I'm playing good. If I'm playing bad, I'll say, look, I just don't have it right now. But I will cold top probably about one a week trying to hit those little low stingers with the driver or skip it off the tee box in front of you with a 2-iron.

So just being creative is really fun and I think that's what allowed me to pull through this week. Not always just see shot, same swing every time, hit the same shot every time. If I could do that, I would. I'm just not built that way so I have to be a little more creative a golfer, and weeks like this benefit me. Other weeks don't, but I think playing to those strengths of mine is going to be beneficial.

Q. Good shots on 17, then you hit a short birdie putt that just slipped by. A two-shot difference, that two-shot lead coming up the last as opposed to one, how different was that in your mind?

ADAM SCHENK: Huge. That putt was to win the tournament in a sense. And with a little bit of switch in the wind today, made it a little more off the left on 18 and I could cover that left bunker because the last two days, basically every day I tried to -- what was it, maybe Friday I tried to just really swing hard and hit one. If it got left, it got left, that's fine, but you have to avoid that left bunker.

The other two days I tried to finish it just like on the right edge of the fairway and lost it right, but if you hit it over in the rough there, it's actually almost easier because you catch a flyer up on the green and you can -- a 140 shot you play 140, 145. If you're in the fairway from 150, it might be a 170, 175 shot into the wind. So it's easier out of the rough sometimes out here.

David and I were pretty strategic in thinking a decent amount about the course and the pin positions and the wind the night before. You know, allowed me to be as prepared as I could going into the rounds. Just tried to control what I could control today. It's the same stuff that everybody stands up here and says, but it really holds true. It's the same recipe for success and that's what we stuck to this week.

Q. Just going to the final hole, from down in that fairway you can't see where the ball finishes. Were you surprised when it kind of finished up on the back part of the green?



ADAM SCHENK: No, no, because, oh, it's so strange because the shot I hit on 16, the little 8-iron draw, I drew the 8-iron, hit a nice shot, it holds in there for a second and then it is just off the face of the earth right because you can't feel how hard the wind's blowing. I can feel it plowing 20-ish, which is a lot, and you walk up there and it's blowing 30, 35, which is almost double.

So you'd have to hit an absolute snap hook, strong grip snap hook releases hard right as you can and I'm not going to hit that shot. So hindsight, if I got to do it over, I would have like hit a 6-iron from whatever we had, 119 yards or something, 120. I don't know what it was, 122 maybe.

Hit a nice bunker shot there, hit a nice putt, didn't go in. Nice putt on 17, didn't go in.

But just so tricky, if you could get two mulligans a round this course would be a lot easier, especially the shot on 8. That shot's impossible with how much wind is actually off the right there that you can't feel. So if you go first there, it's a big disadvantage.

Q. Just the last putt on 18 to win from, what, four, four and a half feet, something like that, you just mentioned relief but what was the chain of emotions? There was a lot of joy there, there was probably -- what were you feeling as soon as that went in?

ADAM SCHENK: You know, have to give credit, we're staying at the Princess. They've got nice carpet in the hotel rooms to putt on. It's a little bit left to right as I putt towards the window and the bay, and as I putt towards the door, it's a little bit right to left.

I told myself if you're going to win this tournament and have a chance, control what you can control, and you're going to have to make some -- I mean, sounds crazy but some two- to five-footers. I'd say four- to five-footers, but even the two-, three-footers. So I just practiced last night for probably an hour when I had dinner with Tyler Duncan back there and Bobby, in between going and watching the Georgia-Texas game. Unfortunately Texas didn't pull it out for Bobby.

Just in my hotel room practicing with one hand. I'm like, one hand's not going to work because it's got the wind emblem on the Weather Channel app. It's already windy here and it's going to be really windy.

So I kind of let my left hand rest on top. The only thing you can do is line up to it, get a little bit left and take it back smooth and just release it and hit it off the center of the putter. If it goes in, it goes in, great.

It was so windy on the last hole, I did the same process but my best chance to hit it is just get up, do your process and hit it. If you're going to miss it, miss it quick but don't sit there and think about it forever.



I took one peek at the hole. It's windy, it's blowing the putter around, but as long as you make -- I feel like if I make a smooth stroke and then release it, don't speed up, don't slow down, just make a smooth stroke and release it, it's going to have the best chance to go it, even if it blows the putter all over God's creation, it's on the putting green practicing that. Hit it way off the toe, way off the heel, but it's still got a decent chance of going in the hole. If you just do that and if it goes in, great. If it doesn't, then hopefully win a playoff.

Q. I don't think you've spoken to your family yet, they're not here, your boys and your wife, but I did see Tyler Duncan you just mentioned out there, a fellow Purdue Boilermaker. What was it like to have him out there on the green at the end? You spent a lot of years together, you guys.

ADAM SCHENK: It was great. I started thinking about towards the end, you know what, I bet him and Bobby come back. Maybe they do, maybe they don't. I know it's a 30-minute bus ride back so I know it's a big commitment for them. Or 30-minute bus ride here, 30-minute bus ride back.

But then to see them, and then I actually got to talk to my family. Tyler had Courtney on the phone. Tyler, he's the man, Bobby's the man, David's the man.

David did a great job this week. It hasn't been easy, but I told David, I go, David, I know the results haven't been what we want, but I don't suck at golf, I'm still pretty good. I've always -- I missed a lot of cuts by 1.

I've been working -- I've been working so hard. I love golf as much as anybody. Maybe not as much as Bryson. I love golf and I love practicing. I love learning even if it's to my detriment sometimes, I don't care, I just love to learn about golf.

Yeah, to have those guys there at the end was -- Brett Swedberg, my old caddie was there. We worked together for two years. It was really nice, it was a blessing.

Q. Do you think that love for golf was what kept you going? This season you've had two six-tournament stretches of missed cuts. That can be pretty demoralizing for anybody. You just mentioned your love of the game. Do you think that's what kept you going, or what inspired you to stick with that belief?

ADAM SCHENK: Too stupid to quit maybe. Two sets of six missed cuts, I knew it was bad. I'll go through and look at my results every once in a while. I'm like, wow, that was an impressively bad stretch of golf.

It's slightly embarrassing, but at the end of the day like I don't really -- I don't want to say I don't care what anybody thinks, but I have a belief in what I do and how I do things and that was, that was probably bigger than anything this week is just seeing that belief go through and how I do things. There is a method to the madness. It's not always right, but that's fine. I'd rather go down swinging doing it my way and learn along the way and take advice from a



small circle.

It's just unbelievable that it finally came true.

Q. We talked a little bit about your putting yesterday, but I don't think I asked you how you came up with the idea of putting one-handed. Where did that kind of stem from?

ADAM SCHENK: Mr. Hulbert, who works for CBS, randomly -- this is a true story. I don't like attention so it's probably why I'm pretty awkward standing up here. I don't know how this press conference is going. Hopefully, all right.

I saw him at 3M. He comes and I'm struggling with putting. I tried I can tell you 10 different ways, theories, techniques I've used in my hotel room this week just trying to kind of figure it out.

I think the answer I come up with is there is no answer; it's just whatever works for you ,works for you. It might change day to day.

Mr. Hulbert was putting one-handed. He was like, you know, I putted one-handed on Tour for two years and exclusively had one hand on the wheel -- that's where I get that comment from. He's like, one year on Tour I didn't put my other hand on the club, when he was putting. He was making this nice smooth stroke and holding it off. I think he hit six putts and made five of them and the other horseshoed.

I'm like, that's kind of nice. Then I hit a couple and I'm like, okay, that's kind of weird.

Can you do that in front of people? That's a big question. Like can you do it on Tour? That's another big question.

I saw something on Instagram like a day or two later and it's like the left hand messes up a lot of things in the short game, especially in the putting stroke and as you're chipping or pitching, the way the club releases and your left hand's kind of releasing way out here. So a lot of times your left hand gets I guess too active, or I lean on everything, kind of lean the shaft and handle dragger left, which I wasn't.

But I'm like, OK, how do you get rid of that? OK, if you take your left hand off the wheel, then kind of returns a little bit to your belly button and it just releases. It's like release to a hold. I release it more, but I don't pull putts.

So talked to a lot of golfers. Like I understand golf at a very high level, I understand things, but fixing yourself and implementing yourself is very different.

You can't see yourself when you're golfing. So you can see somebody else so it's a lot easier to help somebody else or to give somebody else advice if they ask for it, but fixing



yourself, it's really difficult because you can't see what you're doing when you're out there by yourself or when you're practicing by yourself. You get off on a little different tendency than you're trying to, unless you're videoing every single swing and you have somebody with you. Your putting stroke, where you aimed, it's impossible to know if you hit a good putt. If I aimed the ball out and I pull at the right edge and it went in the middle, or if I was aiming the ball out trying to aim right edge and then I didn't pull it and I think I pushed it.

It's just really difficult to get better at golf is what I would say. It's really challenging. I think it's something that drives a lot of us to keep grinding and I think most golfers like love the grind. I don't know why we like beating ourselves up over and over and over, but when it happens -- when you win. I remember pulling I feel like my back out when Tyler made the putt at the RSM to beat Webb Simpson in a playoff. I was so excited for him and he was so excited for me. Like to have a friend out here that's that excited for me and he knows I'm that excited for him, that just means a lot.

Q. Couple more from me. You move from 134 to 67 in the FedExCup Fall. That's a big jump. Now you've got the opportunity maybe to sneak into that top-60 with a good week next week. I assume you're playing. You are playing?

ADAM SCHENK: I'm playing.

Q. Did you sign up for Q-School at all this year?

ADAM SCHENK: No, but I've been thinking about it a lot. That may be the biggest motivation this week is just another week away from my family and two little boys and my wife and farm, my golf farm where I practice, just being away from -- we have a nine-month-old now and a two, just over two-and-a-half-year-old, A.J. and Conner.

And my dog Bunker, like we were best friends. We had such a great thing going back. (Indiscernible) both our families were there and that's another week I'm going to be away from them. So I just didn't really want to do that.

Honestly, I probably would have bought out today for a solo second or a tie for second to whatever made me not have to go to Q-School. Honestly, I wouldn't have done it at the start of the day, but I wouldn't have been disappointed if that's the way it ended up because I think winning's great, it's awesome, but like not having to go to Q-School is so big, and having two years and hopefully this can catapult me because like I've said, I've told a lot of people I'm still decent at golf. I still love it, I still care about it.

It's just such a difference when you can get some putts to go in and have a few things go your way. The tides just turn. The tides just keep going your way in a sense. And I had a lot of things go my way this week, and I feel like good putting is such a result of that. But when you're not putting well, the PGA TOUR is so hard when you don't putt well. It's impossible.

Q. You told me yesterday that that sweater that you have on was the only one that



you brought with you, expecting it to be warm and sunny here. Do you think you'll keep that somewhere special now, maybe in a shadowbox and framed?

ADAM SCHENK: It'll probably go in my closet, which I've been needing to clean out for six months.

If you could have seen me on FaceTime as my wife is packing some sweaters for me, which the weather's going to be nice in Sea Island next week actually.

But she's digging through my closet going, "Adam, Adam, Adam!"

I'm like, "I know, I've been meaning to do this for six months."

I'll put it in a special place. I'm probably not going to wear this anymore because it's got like a coffee stain up here. It's got stains all over.

I'm a little embarrassed because these stains happened like on Friday. I'm like, I've got to go two more days, I don't have anything else to wear. It's Bermuda, it's going to be warm, it's fine.

But I haven't taken it off. I know for two rounds, I bet I've hit 90 percent -- maybe I've played 90 percent of the holes in this jacket this week. Probably doesn't smell too good. A little cologne that I bought in the airport in Mexico when we were leaving in Cabo.

Q. How are you going to celebrate tonight?

ADAM SCHENK: We got a flight out tonight with Ben Kohles, Grayson Sigg and Mr. Thornberry, who I played with today.

He's got a nice game. He hits it hard, he's strong. He's going to have wins out here.

I'm going to have a hangover tomorrow and I don't drink that much. I don't enjoy drinking, I don't enjoy feeling bad the next day, especially when the kids are up at 6:00, 6:30. But we're going to have some beverages on the plane.

Not as many as I'd probably like to, not as many as if I was a Tyler, but I still have to drive to Sea Island tonight so we'll be celebrating more this week. Rob Bradley's actually going to caddie for me next week.

It feels so good to get it done with David back on the bag as well. Pretty sweet way to go out on top for the year for us.

Q. Well, congratulations, great effort. Nice to see you as a champion after 243 starts.

ADAM SCHENK: It's a lot, it's a lot.

