

CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP
at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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SHAD TUTEN (-4)

Q. Shad, good start to the first round. You have to be pleased with the way you were playing.

SHAD TUTEN: Yes, sir. You know, I hit a couple of bad shots, but I had my great ones kind of overlapped those. You tell me I shoot 4 under at any golf course, it's great, but especially this one. This is -- it's a good test, especially this week. If the wind blows in the afternoon like it's supposed to, it's really going to be tough, so I'm very happy with it.

Q. Any sort of advantage teeing off in the morning compared to the afternoon with the weather?

SHAD TUTEN: With the weather, obviously the wind is a factor, but you kind of get the best of both worlds. You get to tee off in the morning one day and the afternoon the next, so especially here, it's kind of similar I guess on both days.

But I knew I had to get a good round. My morning round's usually a little better than the afternoon because it plays a little tougher, especially having the actual first tee time because really it's kind of a big benefit, so happy.

Q. It's a large Georgia Southern/Armstrong presence out here being close to home. What does it mean to perform that way on your home turf?

SHAD TUTEN: Oh, man, I explained it to somebody earlier, I don't play -- I haven't played in any PGA TOUR events, but this is my major, this is the one that I look forward to, this is the one that I prep for. Obviously living in Savannah for a long time, it's a second home for me and obviously I still have a lot of friends. I love it here and the golf course suits me.

Q. Good start to the year right now, No. 9 on the points list and we're only four events in. How are you feeling right now entering the fifth event after a five-week break?

SHAD TUTEN: I mean, I'd be lying if I wasn't feeling pretty good. This is the best start I've ever had in my career and truthfully I'm just trying to roll with the punches and play as good as I can as much as I can, just kind of stay out of my own way, just have fun. My caddie told me a few times today, we had a rough patch there in the middle, he's like let's just get back to playing Shad golf and let's have some fun.



Q. Is there anything from last season to this season that you think you did any differently?

SHAD TUTEN: Well, I changed companies, which is a big deal. You know, just really getting to the tournaments before I actually tee it up and having my bag set and knowing that my equipment is perfect for me really kind of sets the tone for the week early. You don't have to really worry about anything.

I think that, and then Kevin Roy's one of my really good friends and I'm going to shout him out, but he's the guy, like let's just have fun. He's the one that of kind of puts it out there to like he's going to have the most fun on the golf course, so that's what I'm trying to do.

