

# Mubadala Citi DC Open

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## Ben Shelton

Press Conference



B. SHELTON/R. Albot

6-4, 6-7, 6-3

(Transcribed from recorded audio.)

**Q. Talk about the third set in particular. What were you most proud of?**

BEN SHELTON: It was a physical test for me. I was tired in that third set. Here a lot later than I wanted to be tonight.

But I had to dig deep. I wasn't going to be the guy to give in tonight. I'm just happy with the way I fought, competed. I came up with the shots and serves in the big moments when I needed to. Passing shots on the run. There was a lot of moments in the match today where I played great tennis. A few hiccups. Try to cut those out in the next round. I'm just happy to get through.

**Q. How were you able to start strong after having to wait for so long?**

BEN SHELTON: Yeah, I think it had to do a lot with my energy. I was real excited for this match. I had so much family here, so many people I knew were coming to watch today.

Tough that we ended up playing so late that the crowd wasn't completely packed. I think if we played on time, it would have been a sellout stadium.

I just love playing here in DC. An atmosphere that I love, so many people who support me. I just feel the love here. This is a place I'm happy to be moving on. Just want to play as many matches as possible.

**Q. Who did you run over to next to your dad?**

BEN SHELTON: My little cousin, Ken. Have a lot of people in the DMV area. Between Atlanta last week and here this week, I'm seeing a lot of little cousins that I haven't seen in a while, or newborns that just came into the

family. So that was exciting for me.

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