

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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CAMERON SMITH (-8)

Q. Cameron, fantastic bogey-free 8-under 64. Talk us through your round.

CAMERON SMITH: It was pretty simple really, hit a lot of good shots today and made a lot of good putts. The putting was made pretty easy actually, ball striking today stood out today for me so it was a good round.

Q. You've got a fantastic record here in Asia. The humidity, the heat, the conditions, they don't really seem to affect you as much as others?

CAMERON SMITH: No. Well, I grew up in Brisbane. It's kind of similar to this but obviously not as bad as this. But yeah, I enjoy the heat. I always play well in the heat for some reason, I honestly can't tell you why.

Q. This is where it all started for you here three years ago. What do you love about this course?

CAMERON SMITH: You've got to hit the ball straight and then there's plenty of opportunities with your wedges as well.

Q. I know the clubhouse lead doesn't mean much because guys are going to go low. Does that automatically mean you know you're going to go in aggressive the next three rounds?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, keep the game plan pretty much the same really. Just smart off the tee, try to hit the fairways and then really aggressive into the greens was the goal today and it worked so I'll keep that one.

Q. It was a great start for you today. Overall, how are you feeling?

CAMERON SMITH: Good. I feel really hot, it was very hot today. The golf was good. The golf course is in great condition and yeah, it was a good day.

Q. So tomorrow, your plan for tomorrow?

CAMERON SMITH: Same plan tomorrow. Really smart off the tee and just try and get it in the fairway and then really aggressive into the greens and obviously hole some putts.

Q. Has this been reflective of the form that you've had over the last couple weeks, couple months coming back to Asia?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I've been playing pretty good of late. Yeah, just had three weeks off so it was a good mental break for me and I feel really fresh.

Q. This has been a great year for you with that win in May. Do you feel like you're settling down on the PGA TOUR now and slowly establishing yourself?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I feel really comfortable on the PGA TOUR now. I made a few friends and yeah, it's just easy.

Q. Pretty hot start. How's that feel after coming over here and what's the conditions like?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, the course is great. It's really hot here. Just tried to keep the hydration. I drank as much water as I possibly could. Yeah, and then the plan from there was just really simple, just hit some fairways and really aggressive into the greens, and my ball striking was really good today.

Q. You made quite a few putts out there, too. Were you just reading the greens well, comfortable with the course?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I've been around here a few times before, obviously played quite a bit in Asia, so I feel like it's just back to what it was a few years ago. So yeah, it's pretty easy for me to read the greens and get some putts going.

Q. Does being familiar with the area help you get off to a good start like this, feel comfortable with this week?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I love it here. I feel really comfortable in Malaysia, and yeah, it's always a good, fun week for us.