

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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CAMERON SMITH (-10)



Q. Just a recap of your round today, Cameron.

CAMERON SMITH: It was just really solid. Only one bogey. Didn't feel like I hit too many really bad shots and just got out -- the shots that I did hit bad I think come off the tee. So a bad shot here and there off the tee and then just really smart moot greens on those holes, made my par and kind of got out of there, so it's good.

Q. Was there anywhere during the round where you felt like you might have saved that kept the momentum going?

CAMERON SMITH: Not particularly. I think I could have got pretty cross at myself after the 12th hole there, obviously probably one of the easiest holes out here today. Made a bogey there and just knew there was a couple tough holes coming up and didn't want to play those holes with a bad attitude, so just kind of got on with it.

Q. Cameron, there was some question about how this course would play in competition like this. How would you describe it over the first 36 holes?

CAMERON SMITH: I think it's tough but fair. You can make birdies if you hit your tee shots in the right spots. I think the greens, if they firmed up a little bit, this place could be pretty interesting. I think they've done a really good job in prep for it. Hopefully the greens firm up a little bit on the weekend, we can see some more creative shots into the green.

Q. Can you reach all the par 5s in two?

CAMERON SMITH: I think there was one or two today where I couldn't. I could have got close, but yeah, just decided to lay up.

Q. (No microphone.)

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I love being in the heat. Those early morning tee times in L.A. last week were pretty brutal. I grew up in Brisbane, it's a very similar climate to this, so I love being out there and getting hot.

Q. What's been missing from your game since you won in Hawaii, obviously a break-through victory. What's been missing from getting victory number two?

CAMERON SMITH: Probably just got a little bit content there, thought everything was good. It was still decent, but it definitely wasn't my best stuff. The last few weeks I feel like I've

probably done more practice in the last two weeks than I have the last year. Just goes to show what a little bit of hard work can do.

Q. You came down here in 2019 to avoid Hurricane Dorian, but you live on the east side of the state the Florida, so you had a little bit of familiarity when you arrived here this week unlike everybody else in the field. How much of an advantage can something like that be?

CAMERON SMITH: I guess a fair bit. I'm not really sure. I'm playing good golf at the moment, I feel comfortable around here. Knowing the shots I think that this course demands definitely was good in preparation at the start of the week. Yeah, I'm looking forward to the weekend.

Q. You said you're playing good golf. You have those two wins, one in New Orleans with a teammate, also by yourself out of the Sony Open in Hawaii, but you're coming off a really good West Coast Swing. What is it about your game that carries so well in all the different conditions?

CAMERON SMITH: I don't know, mate. I really don't know. I just feel like I'm playing really solid at the moment. This is probably the best my ball-striking's felt to myself in a very long time. So yeah, really comfortable with the short and long stuff.

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