

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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CAMERON YOUNG (-18)

Q. Cam, congrats. Did you -- when you showed up here this week after winning last week, all the expectations, everything, did you think that you would be standing here again after the end of the week?

CAMERON YOUNG: I mean, you always like to think so. I forget who it was, but someone came up to Scott last week on Sunday afternoon saying, hey, is he driving it dwell? Said because if he is, he's really going to like the next place.

He said, yeah, he kind of is. I mean, there was always the thought once you kind of prove to yourself you can do it, you might be able to do it again, so here we are.

Q. Pretty aggressive for most of the round today. I know that was your plan coming in, but I mean on 5, were you just thinking the worst I'm going to do here is a 6 so I might as well throw it up there?

CAMERON YOUNG: No, 5 was just a juvenile mistake. That was -- I was mad at myself for that one. It was something I did a lot when I was 19, 20 years old in college that my coach yelled at me a lot for. It's just aiming right and I wanted wants to hit it over there near the flag and I just overdid it. Just didn't properly commit to a line. I wish I had that one back, but I mean, I was going to make a mistake probably somewhere, so that just happened to be it.

Q. Did that ever make you think a little bit about I've got to play a little more conservative here?

CAMERON YOUNG: No, it was never going to happen.

Q. You said fans, you're playing in front of fans probably for one of the first times in your career. Are they giving you a little extra juice this week?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, it's fun. I know for a fact that not many of them are rooting for me, and they made that relatively clear. It's just fun, it's just more energy. When I first got out here, it was quiet and there was nobody here and it was just you're playing a threesome, it was three players, three caddies and a scorer. So it's different and it's a lot of fun.

Q. This is a pretty historic two-week stretch. As you look ahead, a three-win promotion is in play now to get you to the PGA TOUR as fast as you can. Where are you at thinking of those things now?

CAMERON YOUNG: It's hard not to. That's what I want to do. If you said that's what I want

to do next week, that's what I want to win again. I think there would be something wrong with me if I didn't say that. Realistically, I know I'm in a very good point points-wise for the end of the season. And like you said, I do want to be there as fast as I can be, and if it means winning again, it's winning again.

Q. Maybe after last week like winning after the position it put you in, did it almost maybe free you up coming in here knowing that the worst thing that was going to happen to you was coming back here for another cease?

CAMERON YOUNG: A hundred percent, yeah. To keep my job for next year, to know I was going to have a place to play definitely frees you up. Like I said, that win last week got me into a place where I could reach that point threshold and could make my way up into the Top 25, and as much as I'm thankful to be where I am and have that job security, I want that job security somewhere else.

Q. How much better was this week than last week, or was it the same?

CAMERON YOUNG: I think last week was a huge achievement for me because that golf course is very tree-lined and I had to be very, very disciplined off the tee, which I don't necessarily like to do all the time. Here I kind of had some freedom in terms of being able to cut some doglegs off where if I miss one the wrong way, typically it's just some kind of little longer rough that you can get it out of most all the time, so I could be a little bit more aggressive, which is a little bit more my style in terms of play.

But I mean, a win's a win. I really can't complain about that at all. I was happy with myself today just down the stretch. I missed a couple short ones and just instead of letting it get to me, I kind of gave myself another one and gave myself another one and finally made one on 17 and obviously a two-putt on 18.

Q. It's a weird thing but your good is as good as it gets right now, but can you remember when your bad was maybe bad? Like the difference, was your good, was it way better or was it your worst kind of much worse?

CAMERON YOUNG: I feel like my good has always been good enough to win. Stuff, even when I've had iffy stretches I feel like I've randomly come out and finished second in something or had a chance to win. Right now I think I drive the ball a lot better than I have previously. It's something that's improved dramatically over the last year or two I would say. Yeah, you can look back and say I missed a bunch of cuts early this year. It wasn't that different. It's just a little bit here and there and not being as comfortable on the greens, and that really has just changed how I feel out here and has dramatically changed my scoring. Just that little bit of confidence in just making one or two more a day is just adding up a lot.

Q. I know I asked this yesterday, but reflecting back 10 months ago, where you are now, I'm sure if I told you 10 months ago you would have two Korn Ferry Tour wins, you would be like --

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, especially if you had told me that and I was living in my own skin two weeks ago and I had missed I don't know how many cuts. Yeah, it is a little bit hard to believe, but at the same time, it's what we work for. Everybody out here is going to go hit balls tomorrow because they want to win next week. It's just what we do, and thankfully I've done it well the last couple weeks.

Q. Where were you at on 1?

CAMERON YOUNG: On 1 I was right there on Thursday, it was fine. I had I want to say 230 flag or something. Yeah, I literally was right there on Thursday and it was fine. Just hit it over the trees somewhere around the green and pretty simple up-and-down from those places.

Q. What's the difference yesterday when you start eagle double double yesterday and today you go three straight birdie to start your day?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, it helps, for sure. I knew that if I got off to a slow start, that he was going to be right there in a heartbeat, and if it wasn't him, it was going to be somebody else. Just have to do that, you have no choice. If you get out 1 over through 8, you'll have been passed at some point and that's something I wasn't interested in doing today.

Q. And your tee shot on 17, we were talking to your caddie, he said it was a little too aggressive a line for his liking. What were you thinking with three strokes there?

CAMERON YOUNG: I pulled it a hair. Not too much, though. I was aiming just kind of in the middle of the slope, which is, I don't know, eight or nine steps right and I probably pulled it to four steps right of it. Then it obviously rolled around a little closer to that. It was something, the last thing I was going to do there was push something right, which is probably exactly why I hit it in the water on 5, but it worked out a little better there.

Q. I know it's going to be subjective and it's probably a weird question, but do you feel like you're the best player in the world right now? You've led eight rounds in a row here. How do you feel about that?

CAMERON YOUNG: I don't know about that. I would like to think so, but I haven't played a round with a lot of guys who were ranked a lot higher than me. I mean, I haven't proven that over a period of time, so I don't think I'm there yet. I think I have a long way to go. But I have been lucky enough to come out on top the last two weeks, so that's a step in the right direction.

Q. And who isn't here that you're thinking about right now?

CAMERON YOUNG: A lot of people back home, my mom, my dad, my wife, who is coming I think in a couple days to Raleigh. Yeah, I miss all of them and I wish they were out here,

but I'll see them soon and this one's for all them.

Q. I just want to ask about the atmosphere. As you noted, they weren't necessarily cheering for you, but the fact that they respected the game?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, of course. That's one of the great things about golf. The fans might have favorites, but at the end of the day the vast majority of them just like to see good golf and they're going to be happy to see whatever we do. Obviously there's a big majority of them that were not rooting for me today, but for them to be here and to bring some energy was a lot of fun.