

CAMERON SMITH (-6)

Q. Cam, how pleasing was that?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, it was nice. I really didn't know what to expect, to be honest. I've been playing a bunch of golf with my old man at home in Jacksonville. Haven't really practiced a whole bunch, just been kind of having to hit with him. It was good to come out and see some putts fall and hit some good shots.

Q. First time you're playing on the Summit course here. What is the course like and what do you need to do to get a nice number?

CAMERON SMITH: I think you really need to get off to a good start, I think that's pretty key around here. The first seven or eight holes are pretty gettable, I believe, and then after that it gets pretty tricky, especially with the wind and the altitude. It started to get pretty hot there at the end and the ball started traveling a little bit further and the wind started switching up a little bit, so it was quite tricky.

Q. How much of a difference playing under high altitude here in Vegas, does it make a difference for you?

CAMERON SMITH: I think it does with temperature throughout the day. Obviously it was quite cold this morning, ball wasn't traveling so far, and towards the end of the day it really started to go. We were probably allowing three or four percent extra there at the end. You know, tomorrow I think that will be most of the day.

Q. You got a pretty decent record at THE CJ CUP with three top-10s and an 11th place as well. How much fun is it to play The CJ Cup, although we're not in Korea this week?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I don't know why that is, to be honest. I just enjoy it. It's nice.

Q. The food's good, isn't it?

CAMERON SMITH: The food's good, the hospitality is great, they put on a great tournament. I mean, the courses we play out here, we haven't played a bad course yet, so it's really fun.

Q. Might be timing related, I think we worked out that a lot of your top-10s came from now through that Augusta period while you're still fresh and ready to rumble.

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I feel like I was really excited to get back out here. Not that it wasn't enjoyable towards the end of the year, it just felt like a little bit of a grind, and four or five weeks off and I really feel like I want to be back out here again competing. It's fun.

Q. That break that you take gives you those juices again, right, you're sort of reenergized and ready to rumble, you've kept that form going?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I feel like just some fresh legs and a fresh mind is probably a big key. I didn't feel like I really had my best stuff out there today, but the way I handled some mistakes, I guess, was really good. And yeah, like I said, towards the end of the year I would have been frustrated and carried it on.

Q. And we just need your thoughts on the decision yesterday, the Australian Open and the Women's Australian Open were canceled again for the second straight year. Your thoughts on that decision?

CAMERON SMITH: Obviously it's pretty disappointing. I love going back home and playing golf in front of the home crowd, but hopefully soon we can get back there and start playing some golf. It seems like forever. I haven't been back for a couple years, I haven't seen my family for a couple years, so it's been pretty tough. I'll be the first one over there pegging it up.

Q. Obviously it would have been tough for any of you guys to get back there regardless, but do you think they maybe should have had a thought of putting it on regardless for the guys back in Australia?

CAMERON SMITH: That's really not up to me, that's for someone else to think about. I'm just here to play in the events that I can play in and, you know, give back to the Aussie golf fans.