

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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CAMERON YOUNG (-5)

CAMERON YOUNG: I think I played really nicely. With the exception of 17, I drove it about as well as I can. Just playing from the fairway all day made it, I mean, we kind of came in just trying to make it as simple as possible. If you can get it in the fairway and you can get it on the greens, even if you're not close, if you can two-putt your way around and make a bunch of pars, it's going to be a pretty good score out here, I think. It's just not that easy and that's kind of what we did today.

Q. Have you played here before?

CAMERON YOUNG: I've played here before. I played in the U.S. Am I think 2017 maybe.

Q. Do you remember a lot about it? Did that help you today?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, definitely. I played 18 holes in the College Showcase on Monday. After that, that's all the reminder you need. I'm sure I have a lot to learn on the greens. I know a lot of these guys have so many notes and so much information over the years, that's something I need to learn, just leave it in some better spots, but today it worked out pretty well.

Q. When you left Sanderson, how do you feel the rest of your season's kind of gone since Sanderson?

CAMERON YOUNG: I feel like I'm continuing to get better. I know that's my best finish, but I think I've gotten more consistent. I think I'm making better decisions kind of day in, day out and I think that's kind of where I can become more consistent as far as placement. I feel like in the fall I just didn't play that differently at Las Vegas and I missed the cut by one, just didn't play that dissimilarly to Sanderson Farms, which kind of was a little trigger. Something had to be wrong for that to be the case. So I think we just made some good decisions consistently over the last few weeks and I think I'm just getting better. I'm driving it better. Obviously a lot I can improve on, but that's been a major thing for me.

Q. Did that finish at Sanderson give you an extra sense of confidence and maybe a little bit of a safety blanket?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, I mean, as far as points go and getting into a lot of tournaments, that's a huge one right off the bat knowing that you're going to reshuffle pretty high even if you do nothing the rest of the fall. It's definitely some security there, but that's not enough, you have to do a lot more than that to stay up there. Yeah, I mean, as far as confidence goes, obviously that makes you know that it's possible to win out here, to finish

highly. Not that we didn't believe that in the first place, but having evidence of it is never bad.

Q. No water on this course, such a unique place to play. Can you talk a little bit about what makes it so challenging?

CAMERON YOUNG: I think a lot of it's the greens. It's a pretty long golf course and you have just long enough shots in that greens that might look relatively simple, although there's not too many of them out here that are simple, there's still enough to them that you have to hit a good enough second shot to get it where you can make a putt for birdie. The greens are just tricky. If you're missing a lot of them, you're not going to have a very fun day putting five-footers.