

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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CAM DAVIS (-6)

Q. Cam, great day, 6-under 65, left the one in the heart at the last. I thought you were going to finish with three in a row. Did you think you had that one?

CAM DAVIS: I thought it was going to be a little more speedy than that around the hole. I hit it the way I wanted to, but I had really good speed all day so I thought that one was going to be another. It's all good.

Q. I wasn't with you for the front nine, I walked the back nine with you. A bit of a neutral kind of up-and-down front nine, is that what happened there? Something happened when you made the turn, you took care of two holes you need to take care of fought through those two very difficult holes at 12 and 13 and then made some coming home.

CAM DAVIS: Yeah. I mean, front nine, honestly, I didn't hit the ball super great today. I had a couple wayward ones, but I missed it in places that were not too bad to get up and down from or the misses worked out all right and ended up in the fairway or on the green.

It was a weird round, like I really built it slowly I felt like. I was surprised how many birdies I made on the back nine when I turned around on 18 and saw what I shot because I wasn't really aware of where I was, I thought I was just cruising 2, 3, 4 under, something like that. Made a lot of really nice putts, a lot of nice up-and-downs, kept the scorecard really clean for the most part. Yeah, when the greens are as pure as they are, it's really nice to get the ball rolling.

Q. It has been soft in California, obviously the rain we've gotten on the West Coast Swing. Did you come out today thinking you'll need a good start today, that scores will be good?

CAM DAVIS: I always feel like regardless of the conditions out here, someone has a really hot round. I feel like every year I look up and 7 or 8 under's leading after the first round on a course where I always felt like shooting under par was a good score. So I guess I got a bit of a taste of what it's like when you can get a few rolling in and take advantage of the holes where you feel like birdie is the score you need to make.

Yeah, it's nice to know what it's like to have a really good round around here because I can build off that knowing that I really didn't (indiscernible) play perfect, so I didn't hit a lot of fairways. Yeah, made it work.

Q. Before I let you go, obviously the bonus birdie at 16, that was a great bunker shot,



but the third at 17, you kind of spent some time with that. We had you at 91 yards and I was saying on the call that I thought it was a much harder shot with the wind at your back to that back right hole location. What was that conversation there, and by the way, a lovely wedge shot.

CAM DAVIS: I was trying to leave myself just far enough back to spin it to that back right pin because it doesn't look like a lot of room from back in the fairway.

I think a little bit of softness on the greens, even though they were quick, they had just enough softness where I felt I could get it to stop where it landed, maybe skip and spin back a little bit. I did just leave myself on the borderline of a little too close by opening up the face up a little bit and trying to give it a little bit of extra zip worked out really well because yeah, downwind, I thought I'd fly it pin high, but it was just short of the upslope but perfect. Straight uphill putt from there worked out well.

Q. Cam, just a couple more. This is your fifth start here, 65's your lowest score here by a fair amount. What have you learned in those previous four starts that allowed you to work out the jigsaw puzzle of Riviera to shoot that score?

CAM DAVIS: Honestly, I keep coming back here just telling myself I love this place and just hoping it treats me well. Last few years I've come out here I felt there's been some days I hit it well, but for the most part just never really kept it clean all the way around the golf course. I've had some nice stretches, but just never really felt like I kept it clean with my misses around the greens. I that's the biggest part. Obviously it's important to hit the fairways, but the lies in the rough are not bad.

I think just this year maybe a little more attention to where a good miss is rather than always trying to get on the green and close to the pin. Just a little bit different head space, maybe slightly more conservative when I've hit a poor tee shot, but at the same time good putting kind of turns every round into a much better score than you feel like you've hit it.

Yeah, today was just a nice sort of conglomeration of decent shots, occasionally hitting it close and yeah, scrambling really nice.

Q. Finally, the top-20 at Pebble Beach, I know it was only three rounds but it was pretty consistent, did that give you a little bit of confidence in what you were doing to bring that form here?

CAM DAVIS: The start to the year's been a little slow, but I haven't really had a lot of poor rounds, it's just been a lot of kind of milling around in the background on the leaderboard while everyone else is tearing it up.

So I'm hoping my little trend upwards up the leaderboard can continue. I did play a lot of nice golf at Pebble. Yeah, no, obviously would just love to keep this going and keep playing the golf that I'm playing right now because I think that could lead to some better things.

