

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT:
JASON DAY & CAMERON TRINGALE
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DAVE SENKO: Well, Jason, Cameron, thanks for joining us. Looked like a pretty easy day out there, 17-under, which tied the record for scramble in this event. Maybe just get us started, each of you could talk about your day. And then we don't need to go through every one of your birdies and eagles, but maybe just get some of the key shots on some of those.

JASON DAY: Yeah. Well, I mean, scramble is one of those formats where you have to go at and shoot lights out obviously. It definitely helps when you have a partner over here who hits it down the middle all the time and putts great. He's a very accomplished player, finished inside the Top 30 of the FedEx Cup this year. And to have him as a partner, he's very easy to please because he's a very easy going guy. You know, he hit a lot of good quality shots out there from tee to green, and then on top of it holed a lot of great putts on the front nine. I think kind of what really pushed our round to where it finished was the two eagles back to back definitely helped. And then it was just a really solid play, you know, all through the day. We're definitely looking forward to the next two days. The formats are getting a little tougher, but I think with how we're playing, I think we've got a good shot.

CAMERON TRINGALE: Yeah, I feel the same. You know, the abridged version is I hit first and then Jason let loose. He's swinging it great, really drove the ball really well. We had a lot of chances, a lot of short irons into greens, and that's what the game is about is having opportunities. For us to be up there 17-under is a great start. You know, it was a two-pronged effort. We have quite different games and I think that tends to suit this type of format. It was just a lot of fun. Jason's great to be around, easy partner, and it's fun, too. I hit from some of those foreign zip codes out there on the fairways.

DAVE SENKO: Maybe just if you want to talk about the two eagles on back-to-back 13 and 14, the shot sequence by you.

CAMERON TRINGALE: Well, the first one on 13 I guess was Jason's drive, Jason's second shot and Jason's putt. Yeah, I hit a beautiful 2-iron -- Jason did, from 246 to about 20 feet and I was able to give it a run first. Had a good line, just didn't have enough speed on it. Jason followed suit but had the right pace on the putt and poured it right in.

The next hole, hit a nice 1-iron right at the front edge and was fortunate, I rolled a 30-plus footer in there for birdie, which we weren't really expecting but I think that kind of -- that gave us some good momentum just going to the next hole.

JASON DAY: It's great to be able to read the putt together, really put our minds together, because he's a great putter. He always has been. So to be able to both read the putt very similar, we track the line to the hole from our ball, so we read the greens very similar. So our reads weren't too far off if we were reading a putt. To be able to do that and read the lines, you know, with great speed they're always going to have a really good chance of going in. It was just great to get off to a good start today. Get off to a good start and really try to get into the weekend.

Q. This is for both you guys. Wanted to see if there's anything you said to Patrick Reed before his round and how you thought he played today considering the circumstances?

JASON DAY: Yeah, I mean, myself and Col, I'm not too sure if Cam -- I'm sure Cam went up and said something to him, but we just said our thoughts are with you. Obviously, you know, I'm just happy that he was there because if he was late, then she may not be with us. I talked to him during the round and he said that she's doing much better today, which is great. It's amazing just things like that can happen so quickly. That could have been a tragedy, a really bad tragedy. But I'm just happy that he was there to be able to keep her alive while the paramedics came. For him to come out and play golf, know that his wife is okay but for what he went through is obviously very difficult to come out and play. I've had some tragedy in my life and I've had to come out and play. For him to come out and play is very strong on his half.

CAMERON TRINGALE: Yeah, I just spoke to him walking off the second tee and kind of learned what happened. He shared with me what had gone down the other night. That was really the extent of it. I saw a doctor come up to him on like the sixth hole and I kind of freaked out a little bit because I thought maybe something else had gone wrong and they were alerting him mid-round, but thankfully it wasn't the case. And for him to come out says a lot, you know, commitment to this event and his team. Yeah, he played well despite the circumstances. Hit a lot of good shots and made some nice putts, so it's pretty cool to see.

Q. Unrelated to that, you guys seem like you follow each other's careers pretty closely. Going into this, are there any calls ahead of time or any kind of game plan as far as going into the day maybe the morning of or anything like that? How do you usually do that when you're playing a doubles deal like this?

CAMERON TRINGALE: This is the first one for me, so really didn't know how to attack it. We met up Monday, played 18 holes alternate shot, just got to know each other better. And then we sat at lunch and just discussed our game plan a little bit for the first day here, just how we're going to approach the day. But kind of just wanted to find our own rhythm once we're out there and I think we did. It was neat. We didn't manufacture anything. We didn't have anything set other than I was going to hit first. Just got a nice rhythm going.

JASON DAY: Like I said earlier, I've known Cameron for a little bit now, maybe played with him a few times. Obviously this format is a little different, we're a team and we're both looking out for each other so we've got to make sure that we gel together in such a short period of time. But it's great that we played the scramble first because I remember last time I played, we played I think it was the modified -- the alternate shot first. This kind of, you can fight some demons out there pretty quick if you're not really, you know, gelled together. So for us to come out and really play the way we did today is a good stepping stone, good springboard for the next two days. I know that we both worked well together because we want to go out and achieve the win. We'll do whatever we need to do to get the ball in the hole with the least amount of strokes and hopefully beat the rest of the guys this week. But there's a lot of tough competition out there. There's two more days, so a lot of golf to be played and different formats.

Q. Any story on how this pairing came together? Did you request to play with each other or did you talk to each other after the pairing came out?

JASON DAY: It was really I was playing and I committed to the event. There was a couple of guys, people on the list that -- obviously you can go and have a look at who you could be possibly paired with and I said I wanted to go with Cameron. We're both around the same age, born in '87. So for us to be around the same age and go through the same things as we did as a junior amateur and professional. It's his sixth year, coming up on his sixth year on TOUR and this is my eighth. So we're very similar in turning professional and being on the TOUR for that long. There's a lot of similarities there with both of our games and how our careers kind of, you know, spanned out this far. With that said, you know, he's a very easy going kind of a guy. So with the past experience I've had with him, I knew that he would be a great teammate.

CAMERON TRINGALE: That's about it. I would say I missed at a few runner-up finishes at Augusta, but apart from that, some other wins, our careers are really similar.

JASON DAY: There's plenty of hopefully wins for you in the future, mate. You've got a lot of game.

Q. Tomorrow being alternate shot, is there a different game plan? How do you look at playing a completely different game tomorrow being that there's a little bit less room for error?

JASON DAY: I think that's something kind of we have to discuss. I think with it being a modified alternate shot, I'm pretty sure both of us hit the tee shot. I think that's what we're going to do tomorrow. I'm going to have Cam probably most likely hit the tee shot. He hits it very straight. So once he's down the middle, then I can maybe possibly get a little bit closer to the green and give him an easier shot. He said in the

past that he likes -- the closer to the green, he likes to be closer. With that said, I think the biggest thing is just try to give us a lot of opportunities on the greens and hopefully roll some putts in because we're both putting pretty well. To be able to come out and putt the way we did today was pretty special. I've been putting on Bermuda greens for the last couple weeks so I've had a lot of experience. Cam just lives over in Jupiter, so he definitely practices and plays on this sort of grass. Once again, we have just got to go out there and give ourselves a lot of opportunities on the greens.

CAMERON TRINGALE: I would just say, I mean, if we're both hitting tee shots, I think we have a little bit more room to be aggressive if I get it in play. As well as Jason's putting, if he gets it up in the fairway, he's going to be putting first, which so far was a good recipe for today. I think with it being a modified, there's a little bit more freedom. You kind of have the choice off the tee, so I think we'll, you know, stay aggressive if we can. If I keep doing what I'm supposed to do, maybe we'll get a few way up there.

DAVE SENKO: Thanks.