

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT:
JASON DAY & CAMERON TRINGALE
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DAVE SENKO: Well, Jason and Cameron, thanks for joining us. 8-under 64 today and 25-under and a three-shot lead. Maybe just talk a little about your day and then we'll get some questions.

CAMERON TRINGALE: Yeah, it was a smooth day. Got off to kind of a slower start, birdied the 3rd. Jason hit a great shot in there. And then I parred the 4th and kind of got things rolling there on the par 5. Jason smashed one down there, made a great putt for eagle and we were kind of on our way. We hit a nice little stride in the middle of our round. Made some birdies and kind of steady on the back. Got the par 5s and snuck one more in there, I think. It was really just a steady day. We left some out there for sure, but that's going to be the case just about any day. Pleased with how it went and feel like we have good momentum and we're both swinging well and hitting a lot of good shots. So, you know, to play our own ball tomorrow, get in a rhythm, I think will be a great way to end it.

JASON DAY: Yeah, I mean, when you're playing alternate shot, to play modified alternate shot, there's that bit of stress that you have when you're playing true alternate shot to when you're playing modified. When Cameron goes first and hits a great shot down the middle, I know that either if I hit a bad shot, which I did a couple times out there early in the round off the tee, that I was going to be hitting in the middle of the fairway. With that said, you know, we did get off to a little bit of a slow start, but that eagle kind of propelled us in the right direction. The momentum started coming our way. And I think the way we played today in the alternate modified shot, it was a really good score today considering all the competitors that are behind us.

DAVE SENKO: Just take us through that eagle on, shot sequence and clubs.

JASON DAY: Yeah, I mean, Cameron, he kind of leaked his drive a little bit. I guess when you know that your partner's kind of in trouble that you have to bear down and concentrate a little harder. So I hit a great drive there and he had a short club in there with the 9-iron.

We were just alluding to this earlier when I was talking to Greg and Joe, that Cameron's really, you know, deadly with the wedges in his hands. So if he has something like a shorter club in his hand, he's going to hit it close. He hit a nice shot in there to about 18 feet or so and I rolled in the putt, so that was good momentum stuff for us.

CAMERON TRINGALE: It was a tough, you know, really a tough pin. You're coming in downwind, the flag was right up front, so Jason's drive being so far up there was a

huge advantage. Kooch and Harris were in the middle of the fairway probably hitting a 5-iron or something and the pitch marks were only a couple feet apart. You know, my short club held up on that kind of the front tier and theirs ran all the way back. So I think the drive set us up to have a chance to get it close and then Jason holed a nice putt there.

DAVE SENKO: Weather much of a factor, wind at all today?

CAMERON TRINGALE: Yeah, I thought so. There were a few shots especially into the wind. If you don't hit it right, the air's heavy down here, not too far from the ocean, so there were a few shots where you had to think about it, but it wasn't crazy. You know, it's similar to what we've kind of been playing all week.

JASON DAY: It just changed a little bit actually. It was north-northwest on some holes and then kind of switched back to northeast, which is a little different to what we had played, especially start of the week up until now. But it's blowing five to 10 miles an hour, so it's nothing too crazy, not out of control.

Q. Was your strategy much different today than it was yesterday, and will Saturday's strategy be much different than what you've done so far?

CAMERON TRINGALE: You know, it wasn't really much different. With me hitting first and getting it in play, you know, we're going to take advantage of Jason's length when we can. So knowing that there's a ball in the fairway and that no matter what he's going to have a clear shot to the green, it takes some of the heat off and I was able to send it up there. If it was a true alternate shot, maybe we -- you know, we definitely would have done some things a little different, but off the tee you're basically playing a scramble. We're going to just try and hit two good shots and Jason hit a lot of good ones.

JASON DAY: I think with tomorrow, I think it's going to be a little different. I think probably even the longer guys, especially on some of the holes that we have been taking driver, you know, I would expect a lot of the guys to, even if your partner is in play because it's always better to have two balls in play than just one. So with that said, I think there's going to be some certain shots that we've hit drivers off certain tees, I think we'll probably scale it back a little bit, make sure that we're in play and both giving ourselves on opportunities on the greens because I would rather have two opportunities at birdies rather than just one.

We have to go out and play it smart and kind of play the way that we have been doing because we've been swinging the club very well. Been hitting it nicely. Our putting's been pretty spot on. So with that said, I think as long as we're doing what we need to do out there, I definitely see some good scores.

Q. You were playing with the defending champs, who obviously played pretty

well in this format last year. Were you pressing at all to start out with, was that in your head at all, hey, these are defending champs, make sure they don't catch us?

JASON DAY: Last night I was thinking about it, okay, it's modified alternate shot. When we were at 17, I said if we can get to 25, shooting 8-under in an alternate shot is pretty good scoring. We ended up shooting 8-under, which is great. Like Cameron said earlier, we left some out there, like any good ruined you're going to leave some out there. These guys played well last year. 34-under is a big margin. They won by I think seven shots. So this is the format that you need to play well, you need to play this format because it's very quick to lose your lead. So I'm just glad that we went out there and committed and played well.

Q. Jason, I'm going to ask you from a personal point of view, pro golf is sort of a selfish individual sport. There's three or four team events that you play. What would it mean to win another team event tomorrow?

JASON DAY: It would be fantastic. To win with Adam down in Oz was one of the greatest memories I've had in golf, just to be part of the team. Obviously golf is a very individual sport. We're very selfish with our time, very selfish with a lot of things in general just because to strive and get better we need to be selfish.

But I definitely want to win and I know Cameron wants to win and I'm going to try to do every bit of, you know, I'm going to do whatever I can to help the team. I know that he'll do the same. I want to win this and he wants to win it. It's a different sort of feeling. I don't want to let him down. I want to make sure that I'm doing everything I can, whether that's practice or whether that's working hard after the round and giving myself the best possible chance of going out and playing better tomorrow, that's what I'm going to do because I know that it's a team event this week and I want to make sure that I'm giving it a hundred percent and committing to what he wants as well.

Q. For both guys, early today I believe Snedeker and Reed got to like 17-under and were one behind you guys. Then I turned around like an hour later and you guys were back up five shots. Were you guys scoreboard watching at that point or all of a sudden what led to that just kicking in?

CAMERON TRINGALE: I didn't really see a board until the 10th hole. I'm not really much for watching the boards. I like to focus on what I'm doing. You know, just keep it one hole at a time. I can't control Jason, I can only control me. My tendency is not to look at the boards and just go out and keep my head down and play.

JASON DAY: I think if there were more boards out there I would probably be watching because I tend to watch a lot more scoreboards than Cameron. I like to know what I need to do. That may add some pressure. That may have caused myself not to win a few tournaments. It may have caused myself to win certain

tournaments.

With that said, I really didn't know. I knew that Patrick and Brandt got off to a great start but in my head I just said we just have to keep giving ourselves opportunities on the greens. With how things are going between us and how our games complement each other, we just went out and played golf. By the 9th hole I think we were 5-under for that nine after the birdie on 9. So I just knew that the back nine -- to me personally I think the back nine is just a little bit easier scoring wise, so I wasn't too worried about going out there and not playing well.

Q. Along those lines, you've made a lot of close runs in majors. Do you think you might alter that scoreboard watching or change anything to do differently to try to get over that hump?

JASON DAY: Just play better. Yeah, that usually does it. You play better, you win. I think I've just got to keep giving myself shots. Like I said earlier, tomorrow is about giving yourself opportunities on the greens. It's much better to have two balls on the green putting for birdie. The one time I put myself there in majors, one will fall my way. Right now we have to just focus on winning the tournament tomorrow, get some good rest tonight and get into it tomorrow.

CAMERON TRINGALE: I would also say for the scoreboards when I did see the one on 10, I don't know, they may have been the first group out, they're six, seven holes ahead so there's really quite a big gap between where they're at and the opportunities that we have.

JASON DAY: There's really not that much -- I mean there's pressure but not much stress pressure because it's a team event. Both of you guys are playing and you can kind of lean on each other. When one's not playing, the other guy's usually playing well and that's kind of what has happened this week. If I hit a bad shot, Cameron's come back and hit a great shot. That's kind of what set us apart from previous, you know, team events three years ago I think with Rory. We just kept compounding bad shot after bad shot. To have a partner like Cameron who's always solid down the middle on the green is very helpful.

Q. Any added incentive or motivation for you with this being Greg's event?

JASON DAY: I just want to win. I really want to win. To win any tournaments, it doesn't matter what it is, I just want to be able to put my name on the trophy. I know that Cameron wants to win. There's really no incentive.

Obviously this is his tournament. This has been his baby for 26 years, and to be honest, it's great to win tournaments but there's obviously a bigger cause behind it with the CureSearch for children's cancer. It's great that the caliber of player that has arrived here this week to play in this event is showing a lot of support for that because

we were there at the dinner on Wednesday night and I heard a great speech from two young kids that have gone through some hard times. Me, personally, being a father, it's just hard. It would be hard to see your kid go through that, let alone two of your kids.

We're both here to win, but we know that there's something bigger on the other side. I'm just glad that we can give our time to support the cause. I know that Cameron, he likes to support that stuff. But big picture, we've got to go out there and try and win.

DAVE SENKO: Thank you, guys.

JASON DAY: Thanks.