

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT:  
JASON DAY & CAMERON TRINGALE  
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**DAVE SENKO:** Well, Jason, Cameron, congratulations, one-shot win. Before we get started just share your thoughts on the key birdie at the end there that was the difference I guess at No. 17.

**JASON DAY:** Yeah. You know what, it was a team effort out there. Without Cam we definitely wouldn't have won. To be able to step up there and hit a great shot into 17 and walk away with birdie with a one-stroke lead was nice. I was kind of going back the other way, so I'm glad that he stood up coming down the stretch and hit a lot of clutch putts. He's a great putter, good ball striker and it could have gone south pretty quick. But with a guy that putts it as good as he does, for some reason I just didn't have a lot of stress on my shoulders. I just felt that I knew I was going to play well coming down the stretch, so I'm happy for him.

**DAVE SENKO:** Cameron, you're the 11th player I believe to win this event, be part of the winning team in their first opportunity playing here. Talk a little about your day.

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** Yeah, well, I mean it's a great week. Today was kind of just the culmination of the first -- we got off to such a great start Thursday that I was comfortable out there. I was confident in the way I was hitting my driver. For me just getting it in play was really important to the team and I was able to do that, and Jason just hit some unbelievable shots and really like pushed us when we were a little bit slow in the middle of the round. Today, kind of a slow start and Graeme and Gary looked like they were just going to be rolling early. We both hit a lot of good shots and Jason made some nice putts there in the middle of the round to really just get us back in front where we needed to be.

**DAVE SENKO:** Looks like five straight birdies, 9 through 13. Do you remember who made the putts on those?

**JASON DAY:** Yeah, Cam hit a fantastic second shot into 9. I mean, it was a 10-foot putt for eagle straight up the hill. He hit a great putt and it surprised me that it didn't turn in the hole. That kind of got us going. Once I saw that birdie go in, it kind of calmed everything down. And then the next four holes I kind of went on a little bit of a tear, which was nice, and drove the 13th hole, which was --

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** Only through 17.

**JASON DAY:** Yeah, it was hard, my day. I'm glad I changed to the R15 this week because I probably wouldn't have got there with the SLDR. But it was overall a fun week. I got to know Cam a lot better than I have before and I'm just so proud to have him as my partner.

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** What happened, it seemed like we're kind of both hitting good shots and really not converting the putts. Like Jason said, I hit maybe the best swing of the week on 9 to get up there close and kind of felt like all right, here we go. Hit it close on 10 and Jason made one that, you know, which is nice I didn't have to putt. And then he just played phenomenally those next four, five holes and pushed us. That's what teammates are for. That's the team game. And the beauty of this format is, you know, when you're on, you're on and kind of just let him go. When he was not really in position the last few holes, I was able to step up and cover the ground. It really is the beauty of our games and just how they complement each other.

**DAVE SENKO:** 17, just maybe take us through that.

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** Yeah, I hit a good drive down the left side. Had 234 all the way back to the flag and just knew that kind of had to be pretty aggressive with the line. If you got it left, it would go down in that swale probably where most guys were hitting it. Hit a 3-iron, missed it a little bit and thankfully it covered the bunker there short and rolled up just on that right side and had 18 feet maybe for eagle. I was really trying to hole it. My father loves eagles, so any time there's one on the card he gets excited. So I really wanted to make it and give it a good run. I didn't know exactly where we were, but it's a putt I was trying to hole and hit it a few feet past. And Jason confirmed the read that I had and just gave me that extra bit of confidence to bang it in there.

**Q. Since we're there on that putt, you were over it and then you kind of backed off a little bit. Was it just to regroup or did something happen to distract you?**

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** Just kind of my routine, kind of walking in and feeling if the line matches with what I was seeing. It was just a normal routine, but obviously I was focused.

**Q. For both of you, as you mentioned, a slow start and then some other guys were making birdies and eagles and everything else, and Gary and Graeme really weren't doing anything. Was it a weird vibe with the group? Eight holes, I think you had one par?**

**JASON DAY:** Yeah, we weren't playing that bad. The thing is we were hitting a lot of greens to about 20, 30 feet and really just not holing the putts. And we were pretty slow through that first nine holes. When you're hitting it to 20 to 30 feet, it's obviously tough to hole putts and get any sort of momentum going. But I knew that I think Poulter and Horschel were going pretty deep through the first nine. And then surprising -- well, not really surprising, but Harry and Kooch to come down the stretch and play so well to really put a lot of pressure on ourselves. I'm not going to lie, I felt it. I'm sure Cam felt it out there as well. So I'm just glad we both stayed strong and

played well.

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** I would just say that, you know, echo Jason. We were playing well, we were hitting good putts and nothing was going in. The caliber of play of G-Mac and Jason and Gary, you think, man, only a couple birdies between the four of us through seven or eight holes there. You know, golf's a game where you've got to be patient. You've got to wait. You might not hit your best golf until the last few holes. Really, as a team I think we just stayed, keep doing what we're doing, we're playing well, it's only a matter of time. Thankfully we had enough time to stay ahead.

**Q. Jason, you talk about the putt on 10. How long was that, and coming off already getting the birdie on 9 to give you that extra boost?**

**JASON DAY:** Yeah. It was about, what do you say, 20, 25 feet?

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** 25.

**JASON DAY:** The funny thing is there's some sort of patches out there with some sand, so anytime it hits those patches it goes pretty quick. And I just read it pretty much straight because it was kind of a double breaker and I hit it. I hit it pretty firm and I'm just lucky it went in the heart, because if it hit the lip I don't think it would have stayed, I think it would have probably lipped out.

That's the great thing about playing best ball is he hit it in there close. There's obviously a chance that he may miss it, but for me to step up there and hole the putt takes a lot of pressure off his shoulders. I know that he probably would have holed the putt anyways, but to be able to get that putt in the hole, get us going in the right direction and even get my game going in the right direction because it was kind of stagnant out there for both of us. Like I said, we were hitting a lot of greens but hitting it to like 20, 30 feet. And once I holed that putt, we started very well on the back nine. Like I said earlier, Cam started holing some clutch putts coming down the stretch and a phenomenal birdie on 17 to go ahead.

**Q. How much excitement and confidence does it give to you when you start to get serious about the 2015 season winning your last tournament?**

**JASON DAY:** This is great to obviously win this tournament. I can obviously enjoy it. That's the one thing about wins, you have to really enjoy it and soak in the moment because, you know, just as quick as you can win one, it may be your last if you don't really stay on top of it.

This next two weeks is going to be fantastic. I'll be back home in Columbus. My mom's coming over and my sister and nephew are coming over from Oz and I'll be able to see them. But soon thereafter I'll be headed to Palm Springs to prepare for Maui.

I was telling Greg Norman earlier, yesterday actually after the clinic, I've never been more motivated to play and compete and try to win tournaments than I am right now. I've just got to keep taking that and working hard and doing the little things right and hopefully it will happen a lot next year.

**Q. Cameron, Greg was mentioning on the broadcast that before the tournament he said you had a case of nerves a little bit?**

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** I don't know.

**JASON DAY:** First he heard about it.

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** I've been nervous many times.

**Q. Not any more than usual?**

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** Well, I guess you're just playing for --

**Q. At the clinic, that you may have mentioned something to him. I don't know.**

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** Yeah, I'm not sure what he's referring to. I think any time you're playing with a partner you feel like you're playing for two, and we were. So just wanted to come and play well. Obviously I haven't played for a few weeks competitively, just wanted to be on top of your game for Jason.

**JASON DAY:** Those putts coming down the stretch weren't nerves. He hit a lot of good clutch putts.

**Q. That's what I was going to ask you. I think it was 14 you made a putt to save par, and then I think it was 17, one to keep you guys ahead. What was going through your mind?**

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** I was really just focusing on what I do when I'm putting really. I had the line down, so I knew -- I committed to a line. I knew that Jason and I were both seeing the same thing. The focus is really on stroking it down that line. After that it's out of your control. I really just tried to focus on and worry about, all right, all I'm doing is just trying to get this ball started online and I was able to do it.

**Q. They mentioned in the broadcast that this season you were like 102 out of 102 on putts that were three feet or less. I don't know, were you aware of that stat at all?**

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** No, no, but I guess it's good.

**JASON DAY:** That's a nice stat to have. Probably one of the best on TOUR actually.

You'll have to check that. Obviously inside three feet -- obviously three feet's not very long, but every now and then you'll miss one. Especially over the little ones, you've got to be clutch and he was today.

**Q. What's it mean to get that first win?**

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** It means a lot. It's hard to win golf tournaments, especially at this level. A lot of great players, major winners in this field. And yeah, to have the best partner I could ask for. So a win is a win. We were feeling nerves out there. We came here to win. That was our goal and we weren't shy about that being it. We were going to have fun and we were going to enjoy the week, but we came here to get the job done. So it's extremely satisfying just to have had a part in that. I'm just thankful that Jason invited me to play with him and help along the way.

**JASON DAY:** It was great.

**Q. That's kind of where I was going. How does it feel for -- I mean, you picked him and you had confidence in him obviously.**

**JASON DAY:** Yeah.

**Q. And for him to come through. Cameron, on the flip side, for him to have that confidence in you. And then when he was struggling you were there to pick him up, what does that do for you?**

**CAMERON TRINGALE:** Well, it means a lot because he could have picked anyone and there's plenty of guys who, you know, could be in this field or deserve to be in this field. The fact that Jason picked me means a lot because he's been around all these players. I think he had a little bit of an idea of my game and how we could complement each other. You know, Jason's one of the elite players in the game, really is. There's no weaknesses that I could see in three days. He's just a phenomenal ball striker, incredible attitude and carries himself very professionally and approaches the game like a business. He's very professional and just a great -- someone who I can learn a lot from and I have learned from this week watching him and Colin do their thing. It's been a lot of fun and just a privilege to team up with him and to help when I did. That's kind of why I was there. Putting is a strength of mine, so I was feeling it but that's what I do. I feel like I play my best when the heat's on. I hole more putts when I really have to. It means a lot to have done it and to have Jason next to me.

**JASON DAY:** I won't be able to walk through that door with my head so big now. Like I said, for me to pick Cameron, I knew where his game was. Obviously he's a very straight hitter, great with his short clubs. This golf course is not one of the longer ones. Once he's on the fairway, he's got a mid to short iron in. With his shorter clubs, he's pretty spot on. Once he gets on the greens, he's even better. So with the

formats how they were, I knew that him being down the middle all the time took a lot of pressure off me so I could get down there. And I drove it great this week. I've probably driven it the best out of any tournament this year was this week. To set him up with shorter clubs and give us opportunities on the greens, that's what it's all about. To have a guy that putts it as good as Cam, you know, this tournament is strictly on putting, I think. You can get from tee to green pretty easily, but you have to hole a lot of putts and obviously the scores showed. 32-under is pretty low and we only one won by one. With that said, I'm happy where my game is at. I'm happy where Cam's game is going, and obviously he's looking to elevate that game to a higher level over the next year. I wouldn't be surprised if you see more of Cam winning a lot more on TOUR.

**Q. You mentioned enjoying wins. Did time away with the injury help with that or is it just more experience?**

**JASON DAY:** I think it's just the hunger. Time away from the thing you love, you come back a lot more hungry. I worked very, very hard on my body and I think it showed, especially with how far I was hitting my drives and how straight I was hitting my drives out there and how well I felt like my swing felt under pressure. I came back after playing TOUR Champs and picking up the Friday before Tiger's tournament, you know, I was actually quite surprised how well I felt like -- I felt like I just put it down the day before. Very excited with how things are moving into next year's season. We'll see how it goes. Obviously it's a long season, but I'm really motivated and I want to -- it's always been my goal to get to No. 1 in the world. I know it's going to be very difficult but I'm looking forward to that challenge.

**Q. Jason, can you give us a little background with your relationship with Greg, maybe when you first met him, what you remember?**

**JASON DAY:** Yeah. Actually, Bud, my agent who's sitting in the room, set us up at the Australian PGA and I think I was 16 at the time. That's when I first met him. And we also played a practice round with Adam Scott as well. So I had an absolute blast. I just won the World Junior and the Queensland Amateur.

**Q. Eleven, 12 years ago?**

**JASON DAY:** I can't believe it's that long. Yeah, it's quite a long time. From there we kind of kept in touch and talk every now and then. Even after the round today I said, look, you had the best seat in the house to view what I did out there. I want to call you and talk to you about things that I could possibly get better at. And he said that he saw a few things that he wanted to talk about. So I'm looking forward to either calling or texting over the next week or so when he has time and really try to find a way, you know, that I can get a little bit better each and every tournament that I play in. As long as you're trying to strive to get better each and every week and every day, you're only moving up.