ROUND 2 INTERVIEW November 9, 2018



CAMERON CHAMP (-12)

Q. Cameron, for the first time around this track, you seem very, very comfortable, all those birdies and an eagle out here today. Tell me about your comfortable factor on the tees and on the golf course.

CAMERON CHAMP: Well, Sean came this week and we just kind of worked with a few things. I knew my ball-striking has been close, I've been hitting it pretty well and putting pretty well, et cetera. So today I just kind of melded it all together, hit fairways, hit greens, then read the putts well today.

Q. When you say Sean, you're referring to Sean Foley, your instructor. When we talked at Sanderson Farms the week you won, you got a little side-tracked at times shortening up your backswing. Is "complete the backswing" still a good swing thought for you?

CAMERON CHAMP: Oh, yeah, yeah. It was that and kind of one other thing we kind of worked on this week that just made it more simple for me, I guess more free swinging.

Q. You're just two weeks removed from your first PGA TOUR win, seems like a lot of water beneath the bridge, a lot of experience for you, but you have to have good thoughts about your experience at Sanderson Farms that can translate here at Mayakoba?

CAMERON CHAMP: Definitely. Like I said, it's just the comfortability for me mainly. I feel like my game is there. At Sanderson I wasn't really hitting it my best, but kind of other aspects of my game kind of made up for it. Today, everything was just on. I think I missed one green, my last hole, so I think if I just kind of focus on that the next two days.

Q. One eagle, one bogey on the last hole, probably a little bit of a disappointment in that, but how can you assess your round?

CAMERON CHAMP: Today was extremely successful. I know I've been hitting it well. I kind of worked on a few things with my coach this week, just simple things, nothing major. Today I was just on, really. I was hitting fairways, hitting greens, hitting my lines on the putts as well and I got them to fall.

Q. Cameron, just some comments on your position. You're leading the tournament currently. You obviously feel pretty comfortable on this golf course?

CAMERON CHAMP: Yeah, today was just an easy, fun day. My ball-striking was

magnificent today, I think I might have missed one fairway and one green. Just kept it in play. My irons were sharp, and then I was reading the putts right and got some to fall.

Q. You came here last year and made your professional debut after being an invited player. Coming back here and performing like this must be very satisfying?

CAMERON CHAMP: Oh, it is. This can be a very tough golf course at times with the wind, but today with kind of the laid down conditions, it's very scorable. Just to be able to take advantage of it today and, like I said, put it all together on a very good golf course was definitely gratifying.

Q. At any point in time coming in, did the number 59 sneak in your mind?

CAMERON CHAMP: No. I mean, honestly, I forgot what par was, to be honest. But like I said, I was just flowing, I just kind of felt in the zone, and I was just trying to execute each shot at a time.

Q. Do you find yourself with each start that you make on the PGA TOUR that you're just gaining more and more confidence with your game?

CAMERON CHAMP: Oh, definitely. For make, I use the word "comfortability" really. That's one thing I struggled with when I first turned pro in my first few events on the Web, so I feel like now I'm very comfortable out here and I'm just playing stress free.

Q. Will you lean on that going into the weekend possibly with the lead?

CAMERON CHAMP: Oh, definitely. This course, like I say, it can change dramatically day to day. Obviously if we have good weather like this, it will probably be more scorable conditions, but if it blows out here, you're going to have to golf your ball around, so we'll just have to see what happens.

Q. What would you say is the key of this great season start?

CAMERON CHAMP: Just confidence in myself really. I know my game is there, it's just about bringing it out. With golf, you fail the majority of the time, so just trying to learn out here what kind of works well and how -- just really how to play golf really. So I think just having that confidence with my win just kind of helps everything.

Q. Do you believe this course allows you to perform at a level so even though you are young, to perform as equal as other experienced players?

CAMERON CHAMP: Yeah. This course, it's not a very bomber's course. Like I said, you have to place it off the tee, and some holes the rough is very thick and you can't really -- you've just got to whack it out. This course I feel like is very suitable for everyone. So like I said, just to be able to place my ball right in the fairways and on the greens and

make the putts when I needed to is great.

Q. Any changes for tomorrow in the strategy?

CAMERON CHAMP: No. I'm just going to keep doing what I'm doing. I may change once or twice a day just because of wind conditions off the tees, but besides that, I'm just going to stick to it.