



Q. Cam, talk to us about that round.

CAMERON SMITH: It was solid, very few mistakes. Pretty unfortunate to make a couple mistakes on the last couple holes there. Had a bit of a dicey lie on 8 over there and wasn't sure how it was going to come out. Because I was playing good, I probably went a little bit more aggressive than I should have, but that's something that I was willing to risk. It just didn't quite pay off. But the rest of the day's really good. Struck it really well, just didn't quite have the putter going today. Greens are quite different this week and just struggled a bit with the pace. All in all, pretty good day.

Q. At the start of the day would you be happy to take that --

CAMERON SMITH: Probably not.

Q. -- considering the conditions?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, probably not. It was so perfect this morning, you know, we were expecting someone to have 7, 8, 9 under today. And the greens are soft, the fairways are running out, so the course plays really short. Yeah, just wasn't quite able to get anything really kind of rolling until that back nine.

Q. How are you feeling physically and mentally after a big couple weeks?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, a little bit tired, I guess, but nothing -- nothing I haven't been in before. I've been in that situation plenty of times. I've played six, seven, eight weeks in a row at times and it's just what we have to do. So a little bit tired, especially with how much extra stuff I guess we've had to do the last few weeks, which is something I haven't really done before, but I feel like I've handled it pretty good.

Q. Do you feel like you're -- you shot 2 under. Do you feel like you're playing well enough that you can make a move out of this?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I think so. Like I said, I played really good all day, just kind of struggled to get anything going on that front nine we played. Hit it to like 10-foot on the first, missed the putt, and then I hit it to six foot on the second, missed the putt. Had 5-iron in on the par 5 and made par. Realistically, it could have been 3 under through three holes and it turned out that I was 1 over through 4, so that's kind of hard to take on the chin.

Q. (No microphone.)

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, the stroke and everything feels fine. I just struggled today with these greens are quite grainy and peel into the grain and across grain and stuff like that. I just haven't quite got used to it just yet, but nothing a good afternoon of practice can't fix.

Q. Your group shot a pretty good score?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah.

Q. You started (no microphone.) Sounded like he was in a frosty mood early on?

CAMERON SMITH: We all played really good that back nine. We all struggled the front nine, which I don't know, maybe because of the tee time. My alarm this morning was 3:15, so I haven't had a 3:15 alarm in a long time. Yeah, it was pretty hard to get up.

Q. Did you hit the snooze or did you just get straight up?

CAMERON SMITH: I hit the snooze once, and then I knew I had to get up, so I just got up.

Q. Three or four holes in a row you almost made all the putts (inaudible)?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, that's right. It was just, I don't know, it was just the vibe just kind of wasn't there in the group early and no one was making anything. We're all hitting really good shots, but the greens kind of stuffed us around a little bit.

Q. What do you do to get yourself going at 3:15 in the morning?

CAMERON SMITH: I got up, had a cold shower and then jumped in my clothes, and by the time that was all done, it seemed like I had to come out to the golf course.

Q. No brekkie?

CAMERON SMITH: I had a couple Up & Goes. That was my brekkie this morning.

Q. Did it feel like it took you a little bit of while to wake up on the golf course itself?

CAMERON SMITH: No, I thought I was pretty good. I know probably my speed on the range this morning probably wasn't there, but by the time I got to the first tee there was a little bit of juices flowing, I felt I was pretty good.

Q. When was the last time you got up at 3:15?

CAMERON SMITH: Not for a golf tournament. I got up plenty of times at 3:00 for an early flight out or something like that, but not for a tee time, no.