

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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CAMERON SMITH (-9)



Q. Game's probably good to be seeing us again, means you had a really good round on the business end of the tournament. Talk through that.

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, it was good. I thought I struck it nicely yesterday and the putts weren't quite going in. I just didn't quite have the speed yesterday. I did a little bit of extra work this morning on the green and it paid off. I was actually getting putts to the hole today, which is nice.

Q. Were they a little bit slower than you expected, the greens?

CAMERON SMITH: They're always about this speed, but the last few weeks we've just been putting on greens that are pure and quick. These are pure greens, they're just grainy, into the grain. You've just got to whack them so hard and it's just kind of hard, it's like a mental thing more than actually physical. Yeah, I managed to read the greens well and then just commit to my line and get it to the hole.

Q. The course record is 64, Cam. Did it ever go through your head during the round that you might get it to 8 under and threatening that?

CAMERON SMITH: I had no idea about the course record, to be honest: I was just trying to do my best. I decided I wanted to get to 10, that was kind of my goal before Friday's end, so one off, not too bad. 7 under, you can never complain about 7 under.

Q. How much motivation was there from the way you finished yesterday to what you did today?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, that kind of, you know, I knew I had to get off to a good start to kind of transfer the momentum kind of thing over. You know, got off to a great start, had a pretty crappy bogey there on whatever hole it is, 4 or whatever. Just a couple errors in a row. From then on in, it was just really solid golf.

Q. Jake, this might have been the first round you've played with him I'm guessing?

CAMERON SMITH: No, Jakey and I, we've been in state teams together and fiddled around at home, QAS trainings and everything. Yeah, Jakey's a good boy and I love playing with Jake, he's a good lad.

Q. Even though he goes for the Cowboys?

CAMERON SMITH: That's where our difference lies.

Q. Will you put a bit of pressure on him I guess being the senior partner if you are playing tomorrow, do you think especially being defending champion?

CAMERON SMITH: No, not really, just got to go out there and let the clubs do the talking really. I'm not going to do anything extra; just go out there, same game plan as today and hopefully the putts drop again.

Q. Have you been really excited to see him develop this year, the last two weeks especially and this week as well? Does it give you a bit of excitement to see him do well?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, it is good. There's so many guys that I grew up playing with that were all really good and it's good to see a few of them doing well. I know Jake's had a really good year and good people as well, you want to see him do well. That's kind of the Aussie culture, that everyone's trying to go for each other but not trying to get beaten. It's good.