

CAMERON CHAMP

Q. How did you find it out there, mate?

CAMERON CHAMP: It wasn't too bad. The conditions were good. We kind of I think got a little lucky with the wind being kind of calm teeing off that early. Obviously this afternoon it may blow a little bit more. But the course is in great condition. Happy with how I played considering how I hit it, so I'll take it and move on to tomorrow.

Q. Your driver seemed to be working quite well for most of the round.

CAMERON CHAMP: Um-hmm.

Q. A couple iron shots I guess weren't quite what you were hoping for?

CAMERON CHAMP: Yeah, it was -- yeah, it was kind of -- wasn't trying to find anything, I was just trying to just keep hitting the shots and play with what I had. But obviously I know what I was doing, but it's -- like I said, it's kind of hard to fix it mid round and start thinking I need to do this, I need to do that when you hit a golf shot.

I hit a few, like I said, wayward ones, but I was able to just kind of scramble and make a decent birdie on 9 and finished 1 under today.

Q. Ryan said he might have put you off a bit by out-driving -- no, he didn't really. (Laughs.) Is it weird to see someone standing in front of you on a couple holes?

CAMERON CHAMP: No. I mean, it doesn't bother me. I know Ryan can hit it, so it's, like I said, it doesn't really bother me.

Q. Golfers are used to early mornings, but what was your sort of morning routine? It's a bit earlier than normal I'm guessing today.

CAMERON CHAMP: Well, with the time change I'm still waking up pretty early. I actually felt pretty good this morning. But yeah, I've been getting better at it every single day. I feel like today I feel a lot better than I did yesterday, so tomorrow will be the same, and hopefully I can sleep in longer than 3:00 tomorrow.

Q. Cam, are you a real analytical guy that looks at all the TrackMan stuff and analyzes where your speed's at? Can you go through what you look for in that sort of technology?

CAMERON CHAMP: Yeah. Well, driver, it's for me two down to zeroed out is pretty perfect for me. I launch it anywhere from -- my lower shot can launch at a four or it can launch at a seven high. I don't really try to hit it high anymore. To me, I figured out I hit a lot less fairways when I do that and it goes just as far. So whether I carry it 10 yards further and not get as much roll or I carry it a little bit lower and it gets extra roll. Like I said, spin rate from that is roughly, you know, 25 to 3,000 on a mis-hit.

Q. Does this course compare to anything you play back home, mate? Do you feel comfortable out there?

CAMERON CHAMP: I definitely feel comfortable. It's firm. I haven't played a firm golf course in a pretty long time and probably not going to for quite a while with the PGA TOUR schedule coming up. It's nice, it's different. They can put the pins in some tricky spots. So yeah, I feel like it's nothing I'm not used to, it's just different and just kind of nice to see.

Q. Do you like to spend some time after a round or how do you sort of -- if you hadn't felt like you hit it perfectly, how do you like to sort of --

CAMERON CHAMP: Yeah, I'll just go through a few drills. I'm not really trying to find anything, I've learned that one the hard way. I'll do some drills and just go back to my fundamentals and the few things we focus on and come out tomorrow and just play again.

Q. On the fourth hole, what was the iron you hit off the tee there?

CAMERON CHAMP: Fourth hole, I hit 3-iron.

Q. I think Ryan said he thought you hit 2-iron?

CAMERON CHAMP: It's basically a 2. It's an I-500 3-iron. But that's why I have two 4 irons, because my I-500 4-iron is basically like a 3-iron, so I have the I-500 3-iron and we bent it strong so it's basically a 2-iron.

Q. So it's a 3-iron bent like a 2-iron?

CAMERON CHAMP: Basically, yes.

Q. What sort of stuff -- are you going to try to do anything off the course this week? Are you going to push yourself to look at some of the sights?

CAMERON CHAMP: Yeah, we'll go today, we'll go down to the beach today. Definitely stop by that mall again, Pacific Fair, and just hang out and just relax. Like I said, we're trying to do as much as we can just to stay awake. Yeah, we'll definitely check some stuff out and have a little beach time today.

Q. Some visitors don't like koalas potentially pissing on them. What's your status

with wildlife?

CAMERON CHAMP: Actually, when we held the koalas, he pooped on me. So yeah, so I kind of noticed a little dribble on my shoe when I gave the koala back. Yeah, it was fun, got to see all the animals. Never seen a kangaroo before in person, so it was kind of cool.

Q. What day would that have been, do you know?

CAMERON CHAMP: Sunday.

Q. That's a good omen, too, when a koala poos on you.

CAMERON CHAMP: Yep, yep. Just having no idea and I'm like, something feels wet on my shirt. Went straight on my shirt.

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