

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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CAM DAVIS (-18, won 5th playoff hole)

JACK RYAN: We would like to welcome the winner of the 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic, Cam Davis, into the interview room.

Cam, it's been a whirlwind I'm sure over the last 30 minutes. How are you feeling right now? Has the win sunk in yet?

CAM DAVIS: It's getting there. It's still so surreal for me. I've been in some good positions before, but to play the golf that I played coming down the stretch was just awesome. So I'm sure I'll be able to look back, I'm sure some of it's on camera so I'm sure I'll be able to relive some moments as well and really enjoy it again. But this has been awesome. I'm really, really happy with where I sit right now.

JACK RYAN: Five playoff holes. Walk us through the emotions as you had several chances to close it out, finally were able to get the victory after five holes. What were the emotions like?

CAM DAVIS: I mean, the emotions were pretty similar to coming down the stretch in regulation, to be honest. I just kept on hitting the shots that I was hitting in regulation, the same approach. I was just under the impression that I just needed to hit a really good shot and make a putt for birdie if I wanted to win or just keep giving myself chances. Stayed really calm. I hit some good putts, I hit some not-so-great putts, but I had a lot of opportunities and I guess that was eventually what got it over the line for me, good solid quality shots in important situations. So I'm really proud of that and that's a testament to some of the hard work we've put in.

Q. Can you reflect on how big that shot was you made out of the sand late in regulation?

CAM DAVIS: I mean, it's the only reason I'm sitting here now. To be honest, in my head there wasn't a thought of trying to hole it, I was just trying to pick my spot and just hit another good bunker shot. I've hit a lot of good ones this week and that one just came off pretty nicely. Even when that went in, I still wasn't sure where I stood in the tournament and I still felt like I had to play aggressive down 18, but that definitely kept me in it, that one.

Q. When was the last time you went head to head, played that kind of golf, and did it remind you a little bit of like the Presidents Cup, for example, or some of the other types of situations you've been in?

CAM DAVIS: Well, I haven't experienced any Presidents Cups, I haven't experienced any

professional team events. Just have to go all the way back to my amateur days for that, but I haven't experienced a playoff like that or even a playoff in a professional event before. It's the first time for me. All you can do is prepare and give it your best shot. You know, that's my first time and I'm really glad it's a positive vibe from that one, so hopefully next time we can do something similar.

Q. Do you think Trevor was watching this?

CAM DAVIS: I hope so, yeah.

Q. Cam, can you just take us -- you mentioned the putts, but how do you -- you say you stayed focused and everything, but how do you -- how do you stay positive after coming so close on all those putts in the playoff?

CAM DAVIS: I guess you just have to fall back on the fact that you hit really good shots to get there. I kept on making really good quality swings and every single time I wasn't thinking about where don't I want to miss it. It was always just keep your eyes locked on where you want to go and feel the swing was going to put the ball there and just go in there and trust it. There's definitely room for nerves to set in if you do start kind of letting your mind wander, but I felt like I was really deliberate and did a good job of that and I think that kept me going all the way through each hole of the playoff and at the end of regulation as well.

Q. Did it cross your mind that last week there was an eight-hole playoff? You guys got to five. Did that even cross your mind at all?

CAM DAVIS: No, I was just trying to think about what I was doing at that moment. I think that's one of the reasons why I was able to keep going. Letting your mind jump forward to how long this could last or what's happened before, those sort of things don't always help me, so I did a really good job of just keeping it in the present. And think about that now, it was a long playoff. We did get close to last week, but just glad I finished the way I did.

Q. Congratulations, Cam. Just wondering, curious really, what experience, if you could pick one out, maybe prepared you for this day and for handling the pressure of all those extra holes? Is there something that stands out?

CAM DAVIS: I mean, I did some good work with my sports psych, Neale, back in Seattle after a bit of time off and we just really did a lot of work on just routine, and that sort of stuff is really what you fall back on. I don't really have any experiences in the past that kind of prepared me for it. Australian Open back years ago now was I guess similar in that I didn't really know where I stood when I was coming down the last couple of holes and I was able to hit some good ones and get across the line. I guess I wasn't thinking about that, though, today. I was just thinking about all the things that I had done all this week leading up to that point and just tried to keep it going. It was just putting all that stuff on repeat.

Q. And Neale's last name?

CAM DAVIS: Neale Smith.

Q. Cam, yesterday you made the comment that you've been trying -- this would be an accomplishment for your whole life. What's made your journey unique to get to that point?

CAM DAVIS: Unique? I don't know. I feel like I've been lucky to kind of progress up a stage every year, which I feel like has been something that I really want to keep going.

When I turned pro, I didn't really have anything in terms of status on a tour and then I worked my way into the Mackenzie Tour, didn't really go so well. Worked my way on the Korn Ferry Tour, worked my way to here, lost my card, then kept my card last year after getting it back through the Finals, then progressing on to this. I feel like it's been a really nice steady upward trend. I guess it's nice not to be bouncing up and down, it's nice to keep moving forward and I hope to keep that going.

Q. How hard was it coming over to America and going up against an American in the playoff today?

CAM DAVIS: I mean, I've been over here for quite some time now. I'm married, I have a house, I have a life here. The hard thing has been my coach is back in Australia so I haven't seen him since, I don't know, end of 2019. We've been doing a lot over the phone. In that regards, it's been tough being over here just working on my golf swing, but we've been able to keep it in decent shape.

I know it's a special day in America and it is a special day for me as well, so I just tried to let the chance of everyone going for Troy to kind of fall on deaf ears for me, because there were people out there supporting me as well. It was cool, it was just a really cool environment. I know it's a big day and it's cool to get this trophy on an important day over here.

Q. Your wife traveling with you this week?

CAM DAVIS: No, she did not. She's back in Seattle.

JACK RYAN: Cam, I believe those are all the questions we have. We appreciate your time. Congratulations on the victory.

CAM DAVIS: Thank you, appreciate it.