ROUND 3 INTERVIEW July 24, 2021



CAMERON TRINGALE (-12)

Q. Can you just give us a general recap of how you played out there today and how it went today?

CAMERON TRINGALE: Yeah. Generally, got off to a nice start, birdied the first two. Then played solid through the middle of the round, hit a couple bad iron shots and had to scramble kind of mid round and really just putted well all day. I drove it pretty well and gave myself some looks that I capitalized on. I really just saved my tail quite a few times with the putter.

Q. What are you most happy with and what needs maybe a little more tinkering?

CAMERON TRINGALE: I'm happy with kind of everything, honestly. I mean, I'd say tinkering, what I want to do better tomorrow is hit my spots on the greens a little better, my approaches. But, I mean, I'm putting -- I don't know where I'm at statistically, but I've liked just about every putt I've hit. Hopefully, I'll continue to do that tomorrow. Just try not to overthink it; that's the key, isn't it?

Q. Cameron, just how challenging is that 18th hole out there today?

CAMERON TRINGALE: It's a tough hole. I think if you're out of position off the tee, the layup can be a little tricky with as much wind as there is, and then the third shot with the pin right in the front, it's sort of a diagonal green, so it's just tough to be 100 percent sure on the yardage. The putt from past the hole's not really that easy because you've got to go up and over, so I think guys are taking their chances if they hit a good drive. If you're in the fairway on your third, you've got to try to hit one in there. If you miss any of those three shots, I think you're in trouble.

Q. Anything you can apply from last year's T-3 finish and make it a couple notches better tomorrow?

CAMERON TRINGALE: I birdied 18 last year, I remember that. I'm just going to have fun. I remember last year's round really well and I'm excited. I feel like I'm doing everything well in my game for the most part, so just keep my head on straight and try and have some fun and not overthink it.

Q. With the wind and how many players are bunched on the leaderboard, what will tomorrow bring?

CAMERON TRINGALE: I think it's anyone's game really. I don't know how far back, but

there's probably 15 guys within a couple. Yeah, you can go low out here and I think someone will do it tomorrow. Hopefully, it's me.

Q. Just how good were those shots, the second at 12 and the second at 16 today?

CAMERON TRINGALE: The one on 12 was really good. It was just a good -- I got lucky with the yardage and the wind and the backstop, but it was just a nice, really good shot.

The one on 16, I would say much harder to duplicate. Just to judge the lie out of that rough was tough. I took a chance, honestly. It was a hit-and-hope. One thing I worked on with my coach a lot this week out of the rough was you've got to try and force yourself to hit it past the hole, and it rarely happens just because the rough is so thick and it really grabs the ball. So I kind of thought, all right, try and hit this to the back fringe, in my head, and it came out just right.

Q. You mentioned how tough 18 has been and some of the wind that people have been dealing with so that's kind of gotten players into trouble, but we're also seeing like low scores as well. What do you think it will take with the leaderboard so tight to kind of balance that being aggressive but making sure not to get yourself in trouble tomorrow?

CAMERON TRINGALE: I think it's picking the right spots to be aggressive. I think that's one of the keys to this golf course is you have your easier holes where you can be aggressive and go at pins, and then you certainly have holes where you have to play to the fat side. I think just having that kind of discipline tomorrow will be important and you just take what the course will give you. I don't know what the forecast looks like wind-wise. I think today is certainly -- I guess the scores were higher today with this wind.

Q. Nice playing out there today, bogey free and got to be some pretty tough conditions out there. What was your mindset out there today?

CAMERON TRINGALE: Try and birdie every hole. I mean, it did get tough as the day went on, but you just never know. This golf course can yield low scores. And it's only Saturday, so it's basically just trying to make as many birdies as I could. Yeah, that was kind of the mindset.

Q. Eighteen's playing over par today, a lot different wind out there. How tough a hole is it?

CAMERON TRINGALE: It's actually really -- I mean, it's so much tougher with the wind direction because it really takes two really good shots to get there, and if you lay up, it's a tough angle to get to the pin. Just with all the wind, it's definitely -- I mean, it was almost a blessing I think if you miss the fairway and you kind of just play for a 5, you play 20 feet for birdie. Yeah, hopefully, I'll be able to make a 4.

Q. It's been a good season for you, 39th in FedExCup points, four top-10s, two third-place finishes, opportunity for your first win tomorrow. How do you not think about it? How do you prepare for tomorrow?

CAMERON TRINGALE: Prepare, go rest and sleep and have dinner and enjoy time with my family. Yeah, I mean, I am in a great position. I don't have stress for my card, I just feel like I have tons of upside tomorrow and I'm excited to kind of play with that freedom.

Q. You seem pretty relaxed. rumor has it the house you rented has a little electric scooter in it. Have you been kind of taking it around the neighborhood a little bit?

CAMERON TRINGALE: Yeah, it's a pretty powerful bike. But it's a great week, we're here with family and it's really relaxed outside of the ropes. I'm enjoying it.