## ROUND 2 INTERVIEW JULY 29, 2022



### **CAMERON YOUNG (-10)**

Q. So the difference between yesterday and today, yesterday you had quite a wind to play in, I guess.

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah.

Q. Did you also have to tell yourself that just because you're playing with Davis, doesn't mean it's a different game or anything like that? Did you think about that at all yesterday versus today?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** A little bit. I mean, you obviously have kind of some idea why he's there. I don't know what I'm on on the points list for Presidents Cup, but I think that I'm probably somewhere that I could get picked. Yeah, anytime you get to be around someone like that, with his resume and then obviously his presence in the world of golf, it's a lot of fun. Obviously I'm glad I played well for a lot of reasons, but glad to do it in front of him as well.

Q. When was the last time you actually had will as your teammate? He was saying you guys would be a natural team. When was the last time you actually played as a team?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** It would have been my junior year at Wake Forest. He was a year older than me so that was the last time we played together.

Q. (No microphone.)

**CAMERON YOUNG:** 13, yeah, we had 136 and I said I was going to hit it about four steps long, 140, and a few steps left. So I missed it just short right and happened to fly directly in the hole.

Q. What club?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** Pitching wedge.

Q. Cameron, I know you said the wind yesterday impacted you compared to today. I don't remember the exact numbers, but I looked at strokes gained for you around the greens and putting compared yesterday to today was completely different. What do you think the difference was for you?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** It's hard to say. I think yesterday I putted OK, I just didn't make much. I wasn't in as good of spots around the green. The ones I missed today, I really was in a



bunch of places that were very doable and yesterday I was in some spots that were much more difficult. So I think that's kind of a place where the stats don't really tell the whole story.

### Q. Is that part of knowledge of the course or were you just playing better?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** I just had a little more control over my golf ball. And less wind, that will make a huge difference out here because when it does blow, it kind of swirls through the trees and does make it tricky. You have some uncertainty. Today with a much softer breeze, especially the first bunch of holes, it's easier to just be confident in the numbers that you pick and where you're trying to get the ball.

#### Q. All that you've been through this year, do you feel like a rookie anymore?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** In some ways yes and some ways no. I think off the golf course more so than on just because it's my first time to all these places. I have to do, in a lot of cases, more preparation just to try to learn as much as I can about the golf courses. But once you tee off on Thursday, it's kind of all just golf. I think at this point I'm pretty comfortable with that.

Q. Cam, first in strokes gained off the tee today, I think you were second yesterday. Is that when you're at your best? Obviously it's a strength of your game?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** Yeah, I think I've pretty consistently been using that to my advantage. I've driven it very well for most of the year and yeah, I think the golf course suits me well and there's a bunch of tee shots that are very comfortable for me, so I think that just kind of shows there. I have driven it well a lot and that's definitely an area that I've picked up some shots on the field consistently.

Q. I think it's funny that we were talking to Sahith earlier that he said that he, like you, rookie, has been knocking on the door for some wins, but he says he tries not to think about that. You very openly say if I'm in contention on Sunday, that's top of mind. I wonder what the different philosophies are.

**CAMERON YOUNG:** I don't know, I think it's just personal preference. I like to know where I'm at. With a couple holes left today I was kind of looking at the leaderboard and figured if I could make two of the last three, I'd have a chance to get in the final group, which is where I'd like to be because I think it's just, you know, it's easier to play from in front there. I think -- I'm not -- hate to say like I'm not afraid of being near the lead, but at this point I've been around a little bit and any shot advantage I can have over the weekend is something I'll take.

Q. Kind of going off of that, when Theegala was up here he was asked about Rookie of the Year and he acknowledged that he was a contender, but instantly was like Young is by far the leading contender. What does that mean to you to hear a fellow golfer say that about you and what would it mean to you to get that title?



**CAMERON YOUNG:** It would be very special. I know it's named after Arnold Palmer, who went to Wake Forest as well and someone who was instrumental in kind of building the PGA Tour and the game of golf. It would be a huge honor. I know my teammate Will won last year, so I would love to follow in his footsteps there.

Sahith I'm sure is just being humble. I think he's got every bit as good a chance as I do really and I think it will come down to kind of who plays the best in the Playoffs. And yeah, I mean, he's had plenty of chances to win. He's had more leads I think late than I have. I've been chasing a lot more. I think we've kind of -- I mean, we've obviously had similar years and we'll have to see what happens the next few weeks.

## Q. Talking about playing with Davis Love and what it would mean to you to make it to team golf, what would it mean if you got that chance?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** It would be very special. I mean, I've been a part of a couple teams throughout my life and it's just very fun. Anytime you get to put on red, white and blue is a special experience and I think this would be on a little different level for me. But yeah, I think obviously nice to play well in front of him and good just to spend some time around him. He's an awesome guy and has been around the game a long time, so it was a lot of fun.

# Q. Saw the tee shot on 2 past the cart barn maybe. I didn't see how that hole played out from the cart path. How did that hole finish?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** I just kind of pitched it over the green and it was fine, it was just on the fringe. Not the fringe, but the first cut. Made a nice like six- or seven-footer there, which I think kind of kept my round going. Yeah, very weird spot to be.

## Q. So you hit it off the path?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** I didn't, no, I dropped it off in the rough. I had to pitch it under the trees, but it was fine. Actually hit a decent shot and it kind of just kicked a little differently than I thought.

# Q. You mentioned you wanted to birdie two of the last three holes. How key was that chip when you just missed the green?

**CAMERON YOUNG:** On 7? Yes, that was tricky. That hole location from long is not that easy. We weren't trying to get it there. I was really kind of thinking the front right bunker or something around the front fringe would be great and then it just took some really big bounces and we got back there. Yeah, that's one, if you can reach the green on one of these par 5s, you're not hoping to walk away with 5, so that was a nice one to make

