

ROUND 3 QUOTES
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CAMERON PERCY (-9)

Q. On a day like this when conditions are really tough and you start a few back, are you a little more aggressive? Do you take more chances than you normally would?

CAMERON PERCY: Yeah, I did. I hit a few more drivers than I normally would. We wanted to hit driver on 14 and just get it short of the green and hack it out of the rough, but we said let's lay it up, and I laid it up like into the grain and I duffed my wedge. I'm like, we should have just hit it up in front of the green.

I was a bit more aggressive. Unfortunately, my short game wasn't good enough to get them up and down. I'm going to finish a few back I'm guessing, I think Steve will come in from here.

Q. What did you do to eagle 13, was it?

CAMERON PERCY: Yeah, I drove it up near the green. It actually was like this far out of the bunker, I had to stand in the bunker. I hit it too hard, it went up the flag and went straight in. Pretty lucky.

Q. What club did you use?

CAMERON PERCY: It was a driver off the tee. Oh, lob wedge, I was literally like 10 yards from the pin. I was trying to get it past the pin and roll it back. Hit the pin, rolled up and went straight in. That was pretty good. That was lucky, so that was nice.

Q. Did you look at the leaderboard at all to see the guys playing with Steve weren't doing much and --

CAMERON PERCY: I did see a leaderboard on the front nine, I think, and then all of a sudden I got to the back nine and I saw one and I was on the edge -- I was two foot away for 2 on 11. I tried to chip it and I duffed the chip, really bad chip, didn't get up and down. And I hit it close on 12, missed it. I chipped in on -- here we go, I have a chance now. Then I saw a leaderboard somewhere there, I'm like, I'm second. I'm like, oh, wow, it must be pretty tough out here, which it was.

Then I drive it on the front of 14, 15 didn't get up and down, hit a terrible chip there, went past the hole. Then I three-putted 16, which was -- I hit 9-iron in there, three-putted that. And I birdied 17, which was nice. The last one we thought was downwind 123 yards with a sand iron and barely went 110 and spun back on me. So yeah, we misjudged the wind there, just turned around on us and just spun back. So that kind of sucked, but the rest of it was good.

Q. What has this year been like for you getting your feet wet out here on this tour?

CAMERON PERCY: This is my third event and I didn't prep anywhere near as much as I should have coming into it. You've got to be really online, just got wedges everywhere and I haven't been able to get them within 30 feet. I think I'm even par with a wedge in my hand out here and that's not going to cut it. I'm playing with other guys, played with Steve Flesch, he hits beautiful wedge shots. A few other guys I played with just hit beautiful wedge shots. I'm like, all right, I've got to get home and do some practice if I'm going to compete with these guys out here for sure.

Q. I saw your name in the U.S. Senior Open qualifying up in Minnesota.

CAMERON PERCY: Yeah.

Q. What was that like? How close did you get?

CAMERON PERCY: Yeah, I mean, I think I started off really well, and you can see the scores, you put your scores in, I sort of relaxed a bit, and it got really windy like this and I three-putted a couple holes and then we checked, I made a few birdies coming in, and then the last hole I hit a 20-footer, we said, oh, this is going to qualify, and I missed. And then Mario birdied the first playoff hole and I made a mess of it. My first Open, so hopefully --

Q. Is that a strong enough field where you think you might get in?

CAMERON PERCY: Well, there's only one spot, so they give the first alternate to the next, because there's only one spot. I'm first alternate for the actual tournament, so if anyone falls out and they tell me --

Q. So you are the No. 1?

CAMERON PERCY: Yeah.

Q. But you've not gotten in yet, though?

CAMERON PERCY: No.

Q. The alternate got in last year?

CAMERON PERCY: That's what they told me. Even Mario, he didn't really care. He's like, you'll get in, and I'm not in yet. We'll see. Hopefully. At Ally everyone's going to (indiscernible). We pull out a lot.

Q. How are you and how are you for the rest of the year?

CAMERON PERCY: Well, I've been -- I've got bursitis in my hip or something, I can barely walk. That's why I'm playing in a cart. But the guys in the physio this week have been unbelievable. I hit the ball really nicely today, I had no issues at all, but the first few days I was barely getting through it at all. I'll be in the physio room all season as well I think it looks like.

Q. That's the way it is out here, right?

CAMERON PERCY: It's a fight to get in there, there's so many people in there. But we're all men now, we've been smashing golf balls for 30 years, it's not good for your body.