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ROUND 1 QUOTES

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CAMERON YOUNG (-5)

Q. Got to start with the sub 60 round. Doug says you'll never get tired of talking about it, so I'm taking advantage of it.

CAMERON YOUNG: Fair enough.

Q. Coming off that energy, do you use that to fuel you this week or are you over it and wanting to move on?

CAMERON YOUNG: I mean, it's certainly a nice thing to kind of have in your back pocket. If it starts to feel like it's not going great, like hey, I shot 59 not very long ago so it's in there somewhere. Yeah, I had frankly kind of a struggle leading up to through Thursday of last week and I kind of just kept saying it's going to go pretty hard the other way at some point. Yeah, I feel like I've been playing some decent golf for a while and scoring poorly and to kind of see the scores come a little bit more is really promising.

Q. How do you feel about your game on courses like this? I know everyone calls it old fashioned, but it can be a lot of fun to come down to the short game?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, I think it's a really nice test. The scoring tends to be pretty good, but at the same time it's not like it's wide open, the greens are all flat. People are just really good at golf and it's one of those places that if you do get comfortable, you do have some wedges and you do have some attackable holes.

Played a little harder today just because the par 5s were all into the wind so they weren't really reachable for the most part. I really like the golf course. I like the way a lot of the tee shots are framed by the trees, it feels like Northeast golf to me, which is very familiar.

Q. You played well here before. Is there a sense of comfort coming back to a course you know well?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, I just played the one time two years ago and obviously played well, so I feel like it's always nice going back to someplace you know you've performed well before. But yeah, it's a place that I liked then and I like now. It's a comfortable -- you know, the grasses are like home for me in New York and I just like the way it looks.

Q. I had a question for you about sort of imposter syndrome. Talking to Nick Dunlap and he, obviously young, college, comes and wins on Tour. And you've got Miles



Russell, a teenager, 15-year-old who's going to tee it up out here. When did things click for you, and you just felt like you're sort of riding things for a while, I imagine?

CAMERON YOUNG: Can you define imposter syndrome so I don't sound stupid?

Q. OK. So imposter syndrome, yeah, just sort of the idea like how am I really here. One day you're a kid and one day you're on Tour. When did that click?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, I think it's gradual. For me the first bunch of tournaments it was exactly like that, just why am I allowed in the locker room with whoever it is. But yeah, I think I was fortunate early on having some good finishes that at least golf-wise make it feel like there's no reason you shouldn't be out here.

I would imagine some of it's the same for Nick coming out and winning. I know he hasn't played his best golf since, but he's going to have that win kind of as a proof that he can play well out here, so it's just a matter of doing what he does.

I've spent a little bit of time with him the last little bit, had lunch with him a few times and he doesn't seem uncomfortable to me. He really seems older than he is.

Yeah, it seems -- I feel older saying this now, but every group of people that comes out is younger and younger and more prepared to compete out here. It's just not a shock to see guys that are 20 and even younger than that performing at a high level.

Q. Do you remember a moment for you where it either -- either a shot or a conversation --

CAMERON YOUNG: Not really. I feel like I just settled in over the course of my first year. Presidents Cup was really nice for me just because I got to sit around the same table as some of the bigger names in the game. Just to kind of be considered in that group even for just that week was cool for me, I think, and made me more comfortable personally.

But golf-wise it's just been gradual. At this point I'm pretty comfortable. I know that when I play well it's going to be pretty good and yeah, I think it just takes a little bit of time.

