Sentry Tournament of Champions

Thursday, January 6, 2022 Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii, USA Plantation Course at Kapalua

Cameron Smith

Quick Quotes

Q. Let's start with a recap of the round obviously highlighted by two eagles and how important that was to keep you going throughout the round.

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I mean, I started off pretty terribly, to be honest. I hit a couple of nice shots in and my yardages weren't quite on point, I guess.

Yeah, I just needed those two eagles to get a really low one happening. Obviously two really long putts and probably quite fortunate that they went in, but they went in.

Q. So long putts you had trouble getting there with some of the wind, I imagine?

CAMERON SMITH: Just the first couple of holes. I think on the range it was quite still and then just took a little bit of getting used to, but I got used to it pretty quick out there.

Q. Take us through some of your off-season activities and what you were doing ahead of this point.

CAMERON SMITH: Not a lot. (Laughing) a lot of lounging around, a lot of fishing, a round of golf here and there with mates.

But, yeah, trying to keep it as casual as I could. I would have to go home back to Australia but wasn't able to make it home and, yeah, so not much.

Q. You mentioned a little golf, but how else were you preparing for this start of the season?

CAMERON SMITH: I got in here on Thursday last week, so the weather back in Jacksonville typically this time of year isn't that great, so I wanted to give myself a little bit of time to get used to the course and also the time change and stuff like that.

And, like I said, I haven't been doing too much practice so being here made me practice and, yeah, it was good.



Q. The green books, we've been asking a lot of people their thoughts on that. What are your thoughts on that? Have you run into any issues?

CAMERON SMITH: No, I haven't. I've never really been a big fan of the greens books. I do AimPoint Express and I like to feel a lot of stuff. I like to see stuff and I like to feel stuff, so the greens books, for me, took away a lot of that. I gave them a crack a couple of times but, yeah, I was never really a fan.

Q. Obviously, clearly you've had success in Hawaii, so is it just the fact that you're laid back and ready to rumble? I mean, what is it do you think that gets you in a good space at this time of year?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, I think six or seven weeks off, a bit of a refresh, I mean, it got really hectic there towards the end of the season last year. I didn't play a lot through the fall, so it kind of felt like I've had a really long break. But yeah, no, it's always good to just be at home and fish and kind of do nothing.

Q. What's it going to take to sort of keep this roll going? Obviously there's generally low ones out here a couple of times a week so you got to keep your foot down I'm guessing?

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, absolutely. The course is really receptive, it's going to be low scoring all week unless the wind gets up. I don't think that's meant to be the case, so, yeah, it will probably take something, maybe three more of those to get the job done.

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