

# Sony Open in Hawaii

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Waialae Country Club

## Cameron Smith

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Your general thoughts? Better start than last year, 67.**

CAMERON SMITH: Yeah, better start. I actually played really solid today. I actually really struggled on the greens, which has been probably the best part of my game for a while now. So yeah, back to the putting green this afternoon and hit a few putts.

The putting didn't feel like there was anything necessarily wrong with it. I just think my pace was off a little bit. Yeah, I mean, I just think my pace was off. I hit a lot of good putts that missed low, low and short, and they are kind of the annoying ones.

**Q. When did you find out about the white stakes here between 18 and 10?**

CAMERON SMITH: Last night we got a text from the TOUR. I think it's a great idea. Too many guys hitting it down there, anyway.

**Q. Taking you back a year ago, you might have won that tournament a bit easier. Steeley was probably out-of-bounds there.**

CAMERON SMITH: I don't know if it comes all the way down. I'm not sure if it comes all the way down, but anyway, yeah, it would have been different, that's for sure.

**Q. What would you have if you had a perfect drive down the 10th?**

CAMERON SMITH: It was down and off the right today. I hit the best possible drive. I had 9-iron in. If I had hit it down here, I would have had gap wedge in, like 20 or 30 yards' difference.

**Q. Are there any visual differences here not having structures?**

CAMERON SMITH: I think 17 and 18 are the biggest ones. 17 with how firm that green gets, as well, sometimes



you can use that grandstand as a bit of a backboard to a back pin. So I think it makes the hole tougher definitely for sure.

**Q. Did it do anything wind-wise without anything to block it?**

CAMERON SMITH: Not today. It was downwind today. If it was the other way, definitely it would be a bit tricky.

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