

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: SCOTT McCARRON (-12)
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Q. Just a great round today, 61, tied your career lowest round.

SCOTT McCARRON: It did, yeah. I shot 61 up in Canada, the Air Canada Championship. I shot 61 also in Canada in a Canadian Tour event years ago. So I felt pretty good going out there today, just making a lot of putts and got a couple good breaks. It was lot of fun. You shoot 61, it's a great round. I still left a couple out there I'd like to have back but at least we got ourself in some position tomorrow. We'll see what happens the rest of the day.

Q. Do you wake up feeling you could shoot a low score like that today?

SCOTT McCARRON: I woke up singing Bon Jovi tunes, that's how I woke up. I felt like the golf course, I really enjoy the golf course. The par 5s I can get to. I drive one of the par 4s, so if I'm driving it well, I'll have a lot of wedges in my hand and if I can hit the wedges good I'll have some good opportunities. This is a golf course I really like. I've had some low rounds out here already, so I felt good this morning.

Q. At what point out there do you feel like this is a good one?

SCOTT McCARRON: When I birdied 9, 10 and eagled 12, that's when I thought we've got something going here. Sure enough, as soon as I did that I hit it in the left rough and hit a pretty good 8-iron in there, but I had a 60-footer and I left it six feet short and missed it, so that was unfortunate.

Then I came right back, bounced right back and hit a good 5-iron on the par 3 and knocked in about a 25-footer coming down the hill.

I felt good today. I didn't hit it great, but I kept it in play and I got a couple good breaks, too. I got a great break on 12, hit it on the right side of the fairway, hit a tree and kicked into the fairway. And 16 I hit it right -- tried to hit it over that tree and I just caught the top of it and it came down in a good spot. It could go anywhere, so I got a couple good breaks.

Q. Do you think 12 under has a chance of holding up?

SCOTT McCARRON: For what, the lead after today? No, I don't think so. I think these guys, 7 will probably go 13, 14, probably 15, you never know. But I think I'll be somewhere in the mix at least by the end of the day. I know I had a good round and it sets me up for tomorrow.

Q. All the top names, the legends on the top of the leaderboard there with Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer, is it more entertaining to be in contention with all the big names around?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, it's entertaining to be in contention no matter what. It seems like the big names, those guys play well every week. Miguel Angel Jimenez, Montgomerie, Langer, those guys, Tom Lehman, these are our best players out here. They're Hall of Fame guys and they seem to play well week after week. I'm just trying to chase Mark O'Meara, that's the guy I'm --

MARK O'MEARA: 11 under par, that's insane! Scott McCarron, you're too good!

SCOTT McCARRON: It was the fly fishing.

So every week the guys are up there. Just to put yourself in position, and I've said this many times, I feel exactly the same trying to win a tournament out here on the PGA TOUR Champions as I did on the PGA TOUR. You have the same butterflies, you get just as nervous, and these guys can flat out play so you've got to make a lot of birdies and tomorrow will be a lot of fun.

Q. Did 59 ever cross your mind?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, you know, the last hole if I had dunked that sand wedge. I was over in the right rough, almost had casual beer actually. A lot of beer was spilled over there last night in the right rough. It was a little muddy and I think that shot was sponsored by Budweiser. I was able to kind of chunk in out of there and get it close. At that point I thought if I could knock that in, that's a 59.

Again, I birdied 16, 17. That 15th hole is a difficult hole. I made a nice par there. It was a good finish, and the only time I thought about 59 was on the last hole with that sand wedge.

Q. Good luck tomorrow.

SCOTT McCARRON: Thanks.

Q. On 10, I couldn't help but notice I think you took your shoe off and were like messing around with some bandage or something?

SCOTT McCARRON: It's just a little ankle brace, it's nothing. It's just a little stabilization thing.

Q. Just didn't feel right or something?

SCOTT McCARRON: It was too tight, my foot was getting numb. I usually tape it up and I just found this little ACE bandage thing that wraps it so I don't have to tape it all the time. Guys in the trailers tape it for me and they've been doing it. When I'm on the road by myself, this is just easier. But I wrapped it a little too tight last night.

Q. Can you just go through your birdies on the front?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, sure. Birdied 1. Birdied --

Q. Tell us about them.

SCOTT McCARRON: Birdied 1. 3-iron off the tee, a real nice sand wedge, 52 degrees, to about 10 feet, made that for birdie.

Par 5, good drive down the middle, hit 3-wood in the right bunker and I short-sided myself on the downslope. Probably one of the hardest bunker shots I've had in a while and I nipped it perfect, had that one for about four feet and I made that for birdie.

Hit a nice 8-iron on the next par 3 from 162, I think it was, something like that, to about four feet, made that for birdie.

Par 5, hit a really good drive there, had 260 front and hit 3-wood. It flew 270 to about 15 feet just right of the hole and made that for eagle.

What comes after that? I don't even know. 8? Where's my other birdie, 9? I think I made a couple pars and then birdied 9. Good drive right down -- I smashed a drive on 9. I only had like 72 or something like that hole and hit a good sand wedge in there about three, four feet for birdie. A good 3-iron off of 10. I had a really good sand wedge again down to about four feet just below the hole for birdie.

Good drive -- actually, a drive that was in the right trees that kicked in the middle of the fairway and had 262 I think 3-wood and hit a beautiful 3-wood to about 12 feet just beyond the hole. That was a great -- yeah, off the downslope. That was probably my best shot of the day honestly. Hit a great putt in there, made that eagle.

Par 3, hit a good 5-iron there from like I think we had 189 into the wind left-to-right to about 22 feet, 24 feet, and made that for birdie.