

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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SCOTT McCARRON (-6)

Q. Being one off the lead, are you pretty happy with where you're at after the first round?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, after the start. I three-putted 1 and I three-putted 2, then I -- you know, it was so funny, I putted so bad last week that I spent a lot of hours putting Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and I come out and three-putt the first two holes. I'm like, ahh, I've got to do something different.

Q. And the third hole, it looked like you hit a putt like it was half -- like it was down --

SCOTT McCARRON: It was right --

Q. How'd that thing --

SCOTT McCARRON: I don't know how that stayed up, but I hit a good putt there.

Q. Right.

SCOTT McCARRON: And I actually changed something in my grip and I putted really good after that the rest of the day, so I think I found something. So I guess I'm glad I three-putted the first two holes and then I changed things up and started putting good.

Q. What did you change exactly?

SCOTT McCARRON: I moved my right hand farther down --

Q. Okay.

SCOTT McCARRON: -- on the grip. You know, it was just one of those things. I have it up, down, I move it around. I moved it down and I putted good.

Q. So after that, pretty smooth, huh?

SCOTT McCARRON: No, I putted very well. I hit almost all my lines after that even though I didn't make everything, but I putted really well.

Q. Your group was playing pretty well. How nice is it when everyone's playing that good?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, we got good a good group. Playing with the defending champion, Jerry Kelly, and Miguel Angel, one of the best players out here. You know, we got off to -- they got off to a pretty good start. I was 1 over, but kind of hung in there. Just good when everybody starts -- yeah, and then I just beat 'em badly, which was great. It's really nice to beat Jerry Kelly. Anytime I get a chance to beat Jerry, it's nice. But we started making some birdies, and when you've got a group, everybody's making birdies, it's kind of fun.

Q. What hole did you have maybe your most success on or something that surprised you throughout the round?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I eagled 8. I hit a really good drive there and just laced a beautifully drawn 7-iron, landed right in the front to about 10 feet, made that for eagle. So at that point I made a couple birdies to get to -- back to 1 under, and then make that eagle and get to 3 under, that was a big jump start in the round.