

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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SCOTT McCARRON

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, it's great coming back here. This is a golf course I liked when I was playing on the PGA TOUR. It's a golf course I think is one of the best ones we play on Tour. When I got here Tuesday, it was kind of fast and firm. We've had a little rain to soften it up, but should be a good week. The rest of the week looks pretty good weather-wise and I'm looking forward to getting this tournament started.

Q. How do you feel like the rain might affect the course come tournament time, because it's supposed to rain again tomorrow but then on the weekend be pretty nice?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, well, it just softens it up, so some of the par 5s that you might be able to drive it down there and reach you might not be able to now. A couple of par 4s that we can kind of get it close, again you might not be able to, so it makes the golf course play a little tougher. But it also helps you drive the ball in the fairway a little bit. These fairways are fairly tight, they move both ways, left and right, so the ball won't be running through the fairway into the rough, which hopefully you hit some more fairways, just play a little longer.

Q. For you, obviously you've been having a really good year; I think, what, three wins so far?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yep.

Q. I mean, how do you take that momentum into coming down the stretch of the season here?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, you know, it's interesting. Momentum is a fickle thing. You can play well one week and not play well the next. But this is a golf course I like, I'm feeling pretty good, so hopefully we can get ourselves in position with nine holes to go.

Q. What have you seen out there on the golf course so far this week maybe versus last year?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I just saw Tuesday it was playing nice and fast and firm the way we like it, and we had a little rain on Tuesday afternoon and it got a little softer. Again, we're just going to be dependent on the weather. The golf course is in great shape. I think it's in better shape this year than it was last year, which is hard to say because it was in great shape last year.

You know, 17, they've shortened up that tee box, made that a little more fan friendly. I think that's going to be pretty exciting. I think with the tees up you're going to see a lot more birdies, which will be a lot more excitement for the fans.

Q. You kind of beat me to it about 17. Do you like that atmosphere that they brought bringing that tee up?

SCOTT McCARRON: I do. Walking through that area's going to be great Saturday and Sunday. I think it will be a lot of fun for the fans and a lot of fun for us, too, as players.

Q. I don't know if you heard, but every birdie is basically 17 minutes of two-dollar drinks.

SCOTT McCARRON: Seventeen minutes?

Q. So people are going to be a little more excited when you guys make birdies.

SCOTT McCARRON: I think at the end of the day late Saturday and Sunday I think it's going to get pretty raucous out there.

Q. Just when you look at this year, obviously bringing in Jack, that's a unique kind of thing, he doesn't play that much. How much more excitement do you feel that brings to this tournament?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, anytime you can bring arguably the best player that's ever lived, Jack Nicklaus, to a tournament, it adds a lot. It's great to see the legends here. Jack is one of the greatest guys ever lived, one of the greatest players, so it's a lot of fun to have him here and more excitement for the fans.

Q. Being that you are at the top of the Money List and stuff this year, do you feel like that brings a little extra pressure? Do you think fans maybe expect more from you or do you feel like that --

SCOTT McCARRON: You know, not really. I'm out here trying to win as many tournaments as I can. I've been fortunate to play pretty well this year. I've got a little bit of a lead, which is nice, but I've got to keep the pedal to the metal. I've still got to go out there and win events and try to put myself in position. You know, I've been trying to win that Schwab Cup for the last couple years, so the only way to do that is keep trying to go out there to win.

Q. What would it mean to get the win here this week being that it's a course that you love so much and the history here?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, it would be big. Last year I put myself in position after two rounds, played pretty well and then had a very poor Sunday, which was unusual for me. So it will be a little bit of redemption if I get a win this week.