

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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SCOTT McCARRON (-6)

Q. Great first round back, you're up on the leaderboard. Is this what you were hoping for today?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, yeah, you're always hoping to go out there and have a good round. Conditions were a little bit soft out there from the rain that we had and there were some gusty winds out there. It was difficult to kind of judge distance with some of our iron shots, so it was hard to get it close. I watched Retief Goosen play a spectacular round. He hit the ball about 10 feet almost every hole, at least for the first 13, 14 holes. It was very impressive. I kind of just rode his wake in there and was able to make a couple birdies coming in.

Q. And the conditions today was wet, a little windy?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, conditions today were wet and windy and kind of gusty winds. It was tough to kind of judge which direction it was coming out because every hole here is tree lined so the wind swirls quite a bit, so that made it a little more trickier today.

Q. Did it calm down for you on the back when you had four birdies or whatever you had?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I don't know if it calmed down, but I made a couple nice birdies there on the back, and to make a birdie on 17 is always special. I had a good look at 18 and just misread it. But I hit two great shots on 16. I had like 285 to the hole after my drive, hit a 3-wood and it just went about 295. I just absolutely smashed it downwind, so that was nice to make a birdie there. I feel good with the opening round.

Q. What's it like going head to head with Goose when he's playing so well? Does that push you? Do you like that when a guy's playing well?

SCOTT McCARRON: It's the first day, so it's not like we're going head to head, but I'm certainly very respectful of his game and the way he hits the ball. He's always been one of the best ball-strikers, he's got a lot of power and today he was really controlling his ball flight, controlling the distance. The first four, five holes, I don't think he had it outside 10 feet for birdie, it was really impressive. So like I said, I just kind of got in his wake and tried to hold on.

Q. I was out on 17 earlier today, I wasn't out there when you hit. Any crazies out there yet when you got that birdie?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I think they're all pretty happy because it's like half-priced beer for like 15 minutes or something like that, so at least I got a few fans there on 17.