

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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JASON CARON (-14)



Q. Jason Caron, thanks for joining us. You're officially part of the Charles Schwab Cup Top 36, you earned full membership for next year. What do you have to say about that?

JASON CARON: I'm like speechless really, to be honest. I didn't have like -- you know, it's just weird to think that I could even get to here. I don't even know what to say. Honestly, I really don't know what to say.

This is not my job. I just didn't -- I didn't know if I was ever this good, I guess, especially of late. Then all of a sudden some things started clicking. That putter that I got started working. I don't know, just kind of happened, I guess. I really don't have any words to tell you about what it means or anything like that because it's kind of shocking.

Q. One word you used quite a bit when you first got told is "ridiculous." Does that feel like a summation of everything that's happened?

JASON CARON: Yeah, 100 percent. It's just, it's just kind of mind boggling to think that -- if everyone came to my work and saw what I've been doing the last 10 years, you would say there's no chance this could happen. And all the guys in the Met section, actually I should look at the camera and tell 'em, you would agree there's no way this could have happened. Somehow, it did.

I think that I'll look back at this and just -- obviously I guess something between my ears clicked because I'm playing with Vijay Singh and Steve Alker and all these guys that are staples on the Tour. It just never really bothered me, I guess. I really don't have an answer for it.

I don't know, I really just don't know what to say. I'm in disbelief, to be honest.

Q. Did you give yourself those two minutes we talked about the other day over the last couple nights, the what if?

JASON CARON: No, honestly, I didn't. Listen, I played great the first day, played good yesterday, played very good yesterday, and today I was playing -- I was playing good. I was never nervous, I kind of was just playing golf.

Had an unfortunate break on one of the holes, I hit it left into the bunker and it kind of popped out. It was a tough lie, just kind of skanked it up there and two-putted for my bogey.

I'm like, listen, you could still hit good shots coming in, you could move your status up a little bit, that would be pretty good.

Next thing you know I made a birdie, made a par, made a birdie, made another birdie. I mean, I almost chipped in on the last hole. That would have got me to 16 under, which would have been -- I don't know what's going to win, but that had to be dang close to be near it.

No, I really, I'm not going to say I didn't want this to happen, but I just didn't think it could ever happen.

Q. We talked Friday about where you were then, fast forward to Sunday. We were excited about that. And then Saturday hit. How was your feeling coming off No. 18 Saturday? You said I still have a chance.

JASON CARON: Yeah, absolutely. Listen, the game is so weird. I've had a lot of highs in the game and I've had a ton of lows in my career, my early days. You just plug away, you just keep hitting one shot at a time. That was my goal all weekend, just to have fun, especially after shooting 7 under the first day.

When we had the interview the other day, yesterday, whatever it was, we mentioned something about the Top 36. I was like ha, that's not going to happen. Now it's happened.

Like I don't, I don't know. Maybe it's the hat, this lucky hat. I feel like -- I was starting to think -- I did think of this, this hat for some reason, my wife designed these for us and I'm like, man, I play good I think every time I've worn that hat. On Sunday I'll usually wear maybe like a khaki colored hat. I said, you know what, I'm going to wear this blue hat again. Obviously it works.

Q. Finally, have you ever been more excited to see Phoenix?

JASON CARON: I guess, yeah. I've been to Phoenix. I've never really played golf there. It's going to be kind of neat to play. Obviously I mean Top 36, like this is ridiculous, it really is.

Q. And full exemption.

JASON CARON: Yeah, full exemption. Listen, at work it's going to be a lot easier for me now to sit down with them and I can actually tell 'em, like listen, I can play any event. So you tell me when you're going to have your events and we'll make it happen.

No, I'm still going to be working, I'm not going to be full time and every single week. I'll definitely play. I don't see why not that we couldn't work things out. I know Mill River's going to be super excited for this.

Q. Going to Phoenix, (inaudible) just from this year in and you had --

JASON CARON: Yeah, yeah, looks like -- yeah, that's actually funny. Yeah, I guess. I mean. Honestly, I'm not really thinking about what I've done financially, I just know that --

What's kind of neat, my good friend Brett Quigley always says like, listen, you get out here, they're giving away money. I don't know why or how I gobbled up some of it, but I did.

Yeah, this just puts us in a better spot obviously. Opens probably a few doors more than we ever thought about. You know, we'll just see what next year looks like, to be honest. It should be a lot of fun again and hopefully the kids can -- Caroline and Julia will be able to come out more than just once next year.

Q. Speaking of next year, a little cold up there at Mill River in January, February, March. How much are we going to see you?

JASON CARON: On this tour? I'll probably play. As long as everything works out and the kids are good, I'll probably play early on, right?

I think it's going to be -- like in a dream world I think I'd play up to April, right, then we're back to work. I'll be around. I would play hopefully the PGA, obviously we had a good tournament there this year.

Then I was mentioning it to someone else, they said you're probably going to get into the majors potentially. I don't know which ones. So those are the ones I would focus on until the end of August.

End of August my schedule frees up again, so I would be able to play more. I think that would still be what would happen. Who knows, I'm not really sure. I definitely, like I said at the very beginning, chasing the white golf ball down the fairway's not my first priority, my kids are.