

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**November 8, 2018**



**SCOTT McCARRON (-6)**

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**Q. First, walk us through 18. That was a very impressive eagle.**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Well, you know, I just missed a short putt on 17 so I really wanted to have a chance to make eagle on 18 and I just absolutely killed the driver down there. I don't know how far it was, but I only had 181 yards to the front and just ripped a 6-iron. I wasn't trying to hit it right of the hole location there, I was trying to hit it a little bit left of it. I pushed it just a tad, but I hit it really hard, so it was good and it came out great, just about 15 feet below the hole. It was a putt that was just absolutely dead straight, there was nothing else in it. We finally read one right and hit a good solid putt and it went in.

**Q. And that wasn't your only eagle today, you had two, a couple birdies. Really impressive round.**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Yeah, it could have been a really good round today. I hit a lot of really good shots. I had it inside five, six, seven feet three or four times and didn't make a couple of them.

But yeah, I made a nice eagle on the drivable par 4, hit it in the green-side bunker to the right and hit a great bunker shot out there that just rolled in. Would have gone in a thimble, so that was nice.

But then I made a couple mistakes. On 12 I hit a 9-iron in the bunker that just buried, but made a really good bogey there. Sometimes in these rounds when you get it going, you've got to make those good bogeys and I was able to pull off a nice bogey there, but kept the round going and was able to finish off with an eagle.

**Q. You put yourself in a really good position starting off the tournament. Do you feel a little bit of pressure knowing what this tournament means to you, the goals you set throughout the year?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** You know, it's interesting. Pressure's what you put on it. I've really tried to take the pressure off, just go out there and have fun this week. I don't really control my destiny. If I win, I've got to hope that Langer finishes fourth or worse, and there's some other scenarios. I've just got to go out there and control my emotions, control what I'm doing and have fun. If I do that, I'm going to play well. And you never know, hopefully we'll have a chance coming down the stretch.

**Q. How important is it, like regardless of the Schwab Cup or not, I mean, last event of the year, do you feel like an extra motivation to try to finish the year with a bang?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Well, you always want to finish the year with a bang and, you know, be able to spend that month and a half off thinking about your win. That would be nice. That would make Thanksgiving dinner taste a little better, Christmas dinner taste a little bit better.

But I'm having fun, and I played pretty solid in the middle part of the season and I haven't played as well towards the end of the season. I've put myself in position and didn't come through on about three Sundays, which usually I play pretty good on Sunday. So a little disappointing at the end of the season, but again, it's still been a great year. To be here in the top-36 and have a chance to compete for the Schwab Cup is still pretty special.