

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**November 10, 2018**



**SCOTT McCARRON (-18)**

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**Q. (No microphone.)**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** You know, I want to be in the final group to know what I have to do obviously. We're kind of bunched up a little bit at the top. It's nice to have the lead going into the last round. I played pretty solid today, just didn't get many putts to go. I hit two great shots coming down the stretch and birdied 17 and 18 again.

**Q. Definitely a different day. This game is so fickle. Yesterday, the first two days you were spot on, everything spot on, today a little bit different, still the same number.**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Which is interesting. I hit some shots really good and then I missed a couple. It's the way it is, it's golf.

The one thing I'm doing a really good job is I'm not letting the bad shots bother me too much at all this week, which is great. Sometimes I'll let them bother me a little bit; this week I've been doing a really good job of that.

**Q. You've won a lot out here. What's your game plan for tomorrow?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Well, the game plan tomorrow is pretty much the same as I've been doing, be aggressive because you have to make a bunch of birdies. Stephen Ames shot 61 today, so we know there's some really low scores out there. The weather's going to be perfect again. I've got to be aggressive and stay in my game. Whatever happens, happens. I'm trying to win this golf tournament.

**Q. Did you think that putt on 18 had gone in, or were you walking after it --**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** No, I thought I got it. I hit a good putt there, I hit it right on the line I wanted to hit it. These greens are so fast, they have a lot of run-out in them, so I had a feeling it was going to get there.

**Q. When you were even par on like 6, were you thinking I'm getting lapped here, I have to make something happen?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** No, not too much. I mean, again, it wasn't like I was playing poorly, I just wasn't making birdies. I hit a couple good shots, missed some putts that I thought I should make.

But no, it's just one of those things that you've got to stay patient and I did a really good job

of that really today and all week. I've hit some good shots and I've hit some bad shots, but I haven't let the bad shots bother me too much this week.

**Q. What got you going today then?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** You know, just staying in it. Even though I was even through 6 or whatever, just still firing at pins, trying to be aggressive. Just started making a couple good swings and made a couple good putts. I knew that there's some birdie holes coming in, I've had some success in the last few holes. I hit a great shot on 17, a little pitching wedge from 130, and almost made that. Then to make birdie on 18 again was good. So I feel good going into tomorrow.

**Q. As you look at your body of work this year, what did the victory in Madison do for you to kind of get you going this year?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Well, all victories are great. I had two this year, one in Madison, one up in Calgary at Shaw. Madison was probably one of the best fields we've had all year in all of our regular events. We had Freddie Couples and Vijay and Stricker. I felt good to win there.

Again, I felt like I could have done a little bit better towards the end of the year. I put myself in position a couple of times and didn't perform on Sunday three times in about four weeks, so that was a little disappointing for me because usually I'm pretty good under the gun. But again, it's all learning experiences and maybe all those things were so I could prepare for tomorrow.

**Q. You talked the other day that you controlled your own destiny here a year ago, now you kind of -- you're part of the scramble tomorrow. How do you look at it and what does the outcome tomorrow do in terms of how you evaluate 2018?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** You know, all I'm trying to do is put myself in position to win this golf tournament. Whatever happens with the Schwab Cup, I really can't control that. That's up to some other guys. So if I can go out there and do what I'm supposed to do and have an opportunity to win this golf tournament, you know, if you would have asked me at the start of the year, 18 holes to go, you've got a chance to win the Schwab Cup, I'd say let's go for it. So it's pretty exciting and it will be an exciting day tomorrow, and I'm sure there will be a lot of birdies and ups and downs, but again, you've just got to stay pretty even keel and not let the bad stuff bother you.