

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW****March 11, 2018****SCOTT McCARRON (-10)**

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**Q. No. 17 again, you hit a good tee shot in there?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** I did. It was one of those, we're standing back there, do we hit 4-iron and try to make birdie and win this thing, or do we hit 5-iron down below and make par. We contemplated back and forth, back and forth. I'm like, you know what, I've got this, I can just cut it right in there. Normally it will hit up the bank and then come back down. These greens are so soft and that one was so slow, that green was half as slow as the rest of them. I don't know what they did, but they did something to it and it just stopped right there.

**Q. Did you think you hit the putt okay when you hit it?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** I did, yeah. Again, you're playing 20 feet of break trying to get up there and just let it -- I thought it was fine and it just came up -- I don't know if I could have two-putted no matter what I did, honestly. I don't know. I would have to hit it way up by the fringe, I think. I don't know.

And then the second one, you've got a five-footer breaking six inches and it misses three inches right. I don't know what to say. I saw that thing just wiggling all over the place.

**Q. The poa got you on the par putt?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Yeah, it had no chance at all. Should have chipped it in.

**Q. You got those two early, you got the two birdies back to back and then you just had a stretch of I think it was 10 pars?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** I made a lot of pars, just couldn't get anything going. I hit a lot of putts that looked like they were going in and didn't go in. I mean, I had a great putt on 12 that I thought I made from long distance. I hit a lot of really good putts and just couldn't get anything to go.

**Q. No. 5 almost went in?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Yeah, how did that not go in? I had so many close calls that could have easily won this tournament and I really let it go, unfortunately. I missed at least two putts from two feet this week, maybe more. The only bogeys today were three-putts, so I hit the ball pretty well. Just, it was just a struggle.

But I still made some good putts, I'm not saying everything was bad. I made a great

up-and-down on 15 from I was stymied behind the trees over there and hit a great shot, and then that thing stopped on the ridge. Hit a good putt and made it.

Made a great birdie on 16 to give myself a chance there, good drive and a wedge to about two and a half feet. 17's unfortunate. If it wasn't for that hole we'd be playing extra holes with Vijay.

**Q. 18 you still knew what you had to do?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** I knew I had to make eagle and I hit a really good drive down there, had 233 into the wind. I wasn't trying to hit a big peeler because if I did, it would come up short. So I was trying to hit it a little straighter and kind of the middle of the green and it just cut just a little bit too much. It was the right distance and everything.

**Q. It was pin high, right?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** It was pin high, perfect, but it was just five yards too far right. But I came close.

**Q. Are you watching the scoreboard the entire time?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** No, not really, but I knew that Vijay made birdie on 18 when I was standing in the fairway, so I knew I had to make eagle. I saw that he made bogey on 17 so I knew that we were all tied. At that point we're all tied.

And Tommy was playing 18, I figured he's probably going to birdie 18. The only way to win is birdie-birdie. That's why I decided to hit 4-iron and get it back and be aggressive, and unfortunately it just didn't turn out this time. I hit a good shot.

**Q. This is kind of the major theme of this game, you played well enough to win this week?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Absolutely. Oh, no, no, absolutely. This will be one that I feel like I lost because I missed so many putts and had so many wedges in my hands that I didn't take advantage of it, so I walk away second. But I'm disappointed I didn't win this thing, absolutely.