ROUND 2 INTERVIEW August 17, 2019

SCOTT McCARRON (-9)



Q. Scott, 6 under today and now you're just one back. Just your thoughts on the round?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I thought, you know, I gave myself a lot of opportunities today. I played the par 5s really well, had a lot of chance for eagles and just missed them, so I made some nice tap-in birdies. A little disappointed with a few shots out there.

But then it started playing tough at the end. We had a lot of wind coming up 16, 17, 18 and I played those holes very nicely, so felt like I kind of got myself back in the tournament at least.

Q. What was the biggest difference maker between today's round and --

SCOTT McCARRON: You know, yesterday I played well, too. I was 5 under with two holes to go and then I bogeyed 17 and 18. Played two -- played a poor shot on 17 and then made bogey from the middle of the fairway from 95 yards yesterday, so left a little sour taste in my mouth. But I actually played well yesterday and I did the same thing today, I just didn't make those mistakes.

Q. Maybe a little motivation going into the next round tomorrow?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, there's always a lot of motivation. If I can get in the hunt, which I've got myself in a position now, should be a lot of fun tomorrow. Should be a little bit of a shootout depending on what the weather's going to do. But I like the scores, I've had success here, and so if I can just keep hanging around with about five, six holes to play, you never know what happens.

Q. How does it boost your confidence knowing that you've had success here in the past?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, it certainly does. It's a golf course that I've played well before. I've won it and I played two great rounds when I won in 2017 to beat Kevin Sutherland, 61-64. That helps when you know you can play and go low here on this golf course. But a lot of guys have gone low. Kevin shot 59, Goydos goes low every year seems like, so there's a lot of low numbers out there. But you've got to drive the ball in the fairway and you've got to make some putts. You know, I got fooled a little bit today on a few of the putts, but hopefully tomorrow they'll go in.

Q. And just from a golf perspective, what does the weather kind of shifting like this,

how does it affect not just you but --

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I'm glad I'm done.

Q. Well, the guys that are out there.

SCOTT McCARRON: We got on 16, there was just not a breath of wind at all. I was able to drive it on the green 310 yards or whatever. And then we got to 17 and it's blowing about 40 miles an hour across, so it made it very difficult the last two holes. The guys coming in are going to be in for a little bit tougher holes, but it's dying down a little bit right now, the storm kind of blew through. You've just got to be patient. That's the way it is, sometimes you play when it's calm and other times the wind comes up and you've just got to stay in the moment.