

## PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW

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### SCOTT McCARRON

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**Q. This is the first time being the points leader going into the Playoffs, so what's it like being hunted instead of being the hunter?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Well, I'd rather be out front. I mean, that's where you want to be at the end, so to get there you try to get ahead as much as possible. So I have no problem being the hunted instead of the hunter.

**Q. Does it change your approach at all this week? Did it last week or this week?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** You know, not really. My approach is to go out there and have a chance to win with nine holes to play. If I take care of my job, my business, it's going to be difficult to catch me.

Now, having said that, if someone goes out there and wins this week and wins next week, that's 1.4 million points or whatever. You could do that. But again, I can't worry about what the other guys are doing, I've just got to go out there and give it my best and have the opportunity to win with nine holes to go. That's just like I do every week.

**Q. And the last few years you've been fourth, third and second. So what would it mean for you this year?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Well, there's only one more place to go, I guess. I'm trending in the right direction. I've had some opportunities over the last couple years to get there. Kevin Sutherland winning the last tournament to win the Schwab Cup. Langer, I got real close to him last year. Vijay Singh played a great back nine and a great last round to kind of do it. You know, I'm getting close. And it's been fun kind of playing well this year, a lot of top-10s, three wins, but again, I've got some work to do over the next two weeks. So I practiced hard last week to get ready for these next two weeks.

**Q. Is there anything this season that you can put your finger on that's been a change in you? You've had a record-setting top-10 performance and then --**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** You know, not much. I won four times here a couple years ago and I had just about as many top-10s, I think 13, 14 the last couple years. Again, you've got to play well in some of our bigger money events like the U.S. Senior Open, the majors and the Senior PGA and the SENIOR PLAYERS, which I did top-10s in those, and then you've got to be up there quite a bit. I've had a couple seconds with the three wins. You've just got to put yourself in position. And I've had a lot of top-5s. Even though the top-10s are good, I've had a lot of top-5s and that's where you can make some more of that money and trying to get up

there and increase your lead.

**Q. So you would say the state of your game coming into this week, you're pleased?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Yeah, my game's good. It was funny. I've never really played well at SAS, it's always been kind of a throwaway tournament for me, and I finished top-10, so that was pretty good with two good rounds. Richmond, I didn't putt as well as I would like to, but I felt like I hit the ball okay. So we're coming into these two weeks, two golf courses I like. I've played well at both of these golf courses the last couple years.

**Q. I was going to say, do you like this course?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** I do like this course. You know, it brings back a lot of good memories. I won in '97 with Bruce Lietzke at the Shark Shootout here, so every time I come here I think about Bruce. We had so much fun and he was such a great gentleman and really took me under his wing. It was just such a fun week, me being kind of a newer guy on the tour, getting invited to play the Shark Shootout at that time was a big deal and then to come here and win was really cool and special.

**Q. And then southern California, UCLA guy, did Jenny go to Camarillo High?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** She did. Scorpions.

**Q. Where is that?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** Right down the street about 20 minutes.

**Q. So does this feel like a hometown event almost?**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** You know, it does a little bit, going to school at UCLA. I came over here after I graduated from UCLA a couple times with some members back in the day, so I'll get some of my buddies I went to college with will probably come out here. My daughter's coming, I think my sister's coming, so we've got some people, some family who are coming down here, and some friends. It does feel like a little bit of a home game since I lived in California almost my whole life until two years ago.

**Q. Do you guys have any spots picked out? I know you do your diners, drive-ins and dives.**

**SCOTT McCARRON:** I don't know the names of them, but I know where they are. There's one in this little warehouse district right down here, it's kind of a hole in the wall that's been fantastic that we've gone to every year. Another Italian restaurant, I don't even know the name of that one, in the strip mall is pretty good. So we'll go to those two and we'll see.