

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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SCOTT McCARRON (-13)



SCOTT McCARRON: Thank you so much for all being here and covering this wonderful tournament, the MasterCard Japan Championship.

As PGA TOUR Champions players, we feel honored to be able to come here to Japan and Tokyo and play this wonderful golf course. So to be your champion, I feel very fortunate, I feel a lot of gratitude, and pretty happy right now.

Q. (No microphone.)

SCOTT McCARRON: The question is, can I win the season. I'm doing everything I can to win the Charles Schwab Cup. To be able to do that, I've got to win as many tournaments as possible and so that's what I'm trying to do, yes. That's my goal.

Q. The last time in 2017 you finished second and this time you won. What do you think of this course this year?

SCOTT McCARRON: Definitely. Narita Golf Course looks good to me off the tee, the sight lines, and these greens, the putting surfaces, are the best we've putted on all year. Fantastic.

Q. This is your third win this season. What made you play so well this season?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I've played well just about every season, but this season, just feeling very comfortable out here playing with these great players, but nothing really much different. I put myself in position to win and I've been able to come through and get the job done.

Q. What do you think about the Japan golf?

SCOTT McCARRON: I love Japan golf, but this is the only golf course I've played, Narita, and it's in the best shape of any golf course I've played for a long time.

But I love coming to Japan. Downtown Tokyo is my favorite city in the world. It's one of the most beautiful cities, the people are so friendly, it's so clean and safe that it really is truly one of my favorite cities in the entire world.

Q. Have you ever been to Japan apart from a golf tournament?

SCOTT McCARRON: I had never been to Japan until we came 21 months ago.

Q. Have you been to anywhere in Tokyo or have you eaten some great Japanese food?

SCOTT McCARRON: I've eaten a lot of great food this week and last time we were here. Hama Teppanyaki Steak House, fantastic. One of the best meals I've ever had.

Q. And did you go anywhere else to visit or sightseeing?

SCOTT McCARRON: No, no, not this time.

Q. What was your impression the time before coming to Japan and after you got here and what is your impression now?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I really, I knew it was going to be very crowded, lots of people, but I didn't realize how efficient everything is run; trains, buses, everything.

I also didn't know how friendly everyone was going to be and how tough it would be with the language barrier, but so many people over here understand at least a little bit of English and my wife and I used Google Translate to have conversations and everyone was so appreciative that at least we were trying to communicate, but I love it here.

Q. (No microphone.)

SCOTT McCARRON: Kirk Triplett is a very dear friend of mine, we've known each other for a long time. When he was announced on the first tee, he gave the bow on the first tee and I thought that was great. So when we finished, we said that we were going to bow after, and doing that is showing respect to everyone that came out.

Q. According to the website of the PGA TOUR, after graduation you stopped playing golf. Why is that and did you do anything else?

SCOTT McCARRON: After college I quit playing golf for about four years and I started a golf apparel company in the United States, and then a hat manufacturing company where we manufactured headwear. I did that for four years.

Q. So is there any like specific reason why you quit playing golf for four years, and then --

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, I wasn't any good.

Q. And then, you know, now you seem to be enjoying playing golf again, so you kind of back to --

SCOTT McCARRON: The reason I quit playing, I didn't feel I was good enough to turn

professional after college and I wanted to go into business and that's -- I was actually going to go to law school and become a lawyer, then we started doing that apparel instead. But then I started playing some golf again and having fun and enjoying it and decided to give it a shot. I'm glad I did.