

SCOTT McCARRON (-6)

Q. SpongeBob SquarePants?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, exactly.

Q. What are your -- what's your pajama of choice?

SCOTT McCARRON: You know what, they're great. Royal Highnies. You ever heard of them? They are fantastic. I'm wearing Royal Highnies. Maybe I can get a pajama endorsement.

You know who told me to do that? Joe T., one of our rules officials told my wife, you know, if you want to stay warm, just wear pajamas. So I'm like, that's a good idea, I've never done that, I'm going to do that today. So thanks to Joe T. for that great advice.

Q. Just for good luck, would you wear them tomorrow?

SCOTT McCARRON: It's going to be 80, I think. If I wear my pajamas, I wouldn't wear pants, I would have to play in the pajamas, so I probably won't do that. The Tour would frown on that.

Q. After yesterday, you know, you said grinding it out, was today a little less of a grind?

SCOTT McCARRON: No, it was a grind all the way. It was a tough day again. The wind was up, it was very cold, tough to get the ball close. You know, you can see with the scores. Yesterday the average score was almost 75 and today it's got to be maybe 74, 75, somewhere near there, so the golf course is playing very difficult. And 2 under, I felt like I left a couple out there, but I also made a couple really good par saves, too. The one on 9 and a couple other ones, so I'm happy with the day.

Q. Playing with the lead the whole way through, there was a lot of jockeying below you, but it kind of sorted itself out at the end.

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, I didn't really watch the board too much today because it's Saturday, it doesn't really matter too much. I knew I was in the lead. I didn't really know who else was back there, but I saw Vijay and Miguel making a little charge, got up to 4. I know they had a little hiccup on the last hole.

Bob May was playing beautiful up until, you know, about 14, 15, made a couple bogeys, but

he was playing some nice golf. I've got a lot of golf ahead of me tomorrow, 18 holes, but I've been in this position here before and so hopefully tomorrow I can go out there and just play my game and we'll see what happens.

Q. Did you win from ahead here before, '97? Were you a first-round leader?

SCOTT McCARRON: I believe I was actually, yeah. I believe I was leading both times. We played 36 holes one of the times; 2001, I believe. I think I was in the lead or had the lead both times, yeah.

Q. How long ago does that seem to you, '97 and '01?

SCOTT McCARRON: You know, it's a long time. But again, once you come back to a golf course you play well at, those memories start coming back to you. You start seeing lines off tees that you took, you start seeing maybe some of the putts you made coming down the stretch. Even though it's a long time, I still have a pretty good memory of the good stuff.

Q. What did that mean to you to win those tournaments here, because that's two thirds of your --

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, it meant a lot. I won in '96 in New Orleans and then came back and won in '97. So as a young guy on Tour, first couple years, to have two wins under your belt, that was pretty big at the time.

And I thought I would have a lot more, so it was a long drought I felt from '97 to 2001 until I got my next one. And then I didn't get another one, even a longer drought. A little disappointed that I didn't. I lost three playoffs and finished second quite a few times where I felt I could have won. But again, our second lease on life out here on the PGA TOUR Champions, I'm having a blast. I've won a few tournaments here in the last couple years, eight, and I'm just having fun.

Q. What is your best memory out here?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I think my best memory would have been winning in '97 on Mother's Day actually, and my mom and dad were here. So that was pretty cool, pretty special to have them here for that.

Q. Are they still living?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, they're still here. They're still at home watching, I'm sure. They're still around.

Q. Make a new memory here tomorrow?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, it would be great, it would be nice to make a new memory

here. It's just a special place. I've always loved it. And coming here, I remember when I first came here in '97 seeing all these big huge mansion houses and everybody's got land, and I'm like, oh, my God, maybe someday I could afford a house like that. So it was always something to kind of strive for.

Q. You're on the lake in Mooresville?

SCOTT McCARRON: We're on the lake in Mooresville. Yeah, we're doing all right.

Q. Do you think there's a number available tomorrow if the weather predictions are correct, some warm and some dry?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, I think if it's warmer and drier -- again, the golf course is playing long. With the Zoysia fairways, the ball does not roll at all, especially when it's wet. It's just playing so long, I think it's difficult to go 7, 8, 9 under. I think anybody shooting 3, 4, 5 under here is a really good score. It's a tough golf course. And we talked about it on Tuesday, this could be one of the toughest courses we play all year. With that new nine, it was playing pretty tough.

Q. You're pretty adept at the par 5s, though, aren't you?

SCOTT McCARRON: I'm usually pretty good on the par 5s, yep. Pretty good.

Q. What kind of --

SCOTT McCARRON: But again, these par 5s, like today I'm not able to get home. The only one I was really able to get home was -- actually, I got -- 10 I could get home today, and the first one, 3, I had hybrid in. But other than that, I can't get home on 8 and I can't really get home on 18.

Q. Is there any reason that should have been that volatile, that hole, 18? It created havoc with guys chasing you.

SCOTT McCARRON: You know, with the pin up front there like that, when I hit my wedge shot, I hit it -- tried to take spin off it because I knew that that ball could spin back, and I guess that's what Vijay did, it kept spinning back. So I was trying to take some spin off that. But yeah, it's a very great risk-reward par 5.