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SCOTT McCARRON

Q. All right. Ten victories for you. How are you feeling entering this week?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I feel good. I've been playing some good golf obviously the last few weeks. You know, again, out here you just try to get in the mix with nine holes to go and see if you can control your emotions and hit some good shots down the stretch. It's been a lot of fun.

Last week Scott Parel played beautifully the last day and it was so fun trading birdies back and forth. Came really close down at the end. Feel very fortunate to come out with a victory.

Ten victories out here on the PGA TOUR Champions, it's pretty crazy. I have to pinch myself I've done that this quickly, but I'm not done yet. I want to win a lot more. I've learned so much playing with Bernhard Langer over the years and it's been great becoming friends with him, watch how he kind of takes apart a golf course, how much he's dedicated to practicing, and he's definitely pushing me.

Q. How much would it mean to win a major?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, it would mean a lot. I've got one major under my belt at Caves Valley, the SENIOR PLAYERS. I would love to win as many majors as possible. I'm just having so much fun out here. To be able to play with the guys that I came out on the PGA TOUR with, the guys that were kind of my big brothers when I first came on the PGA TOUR, now to be able to play with them out here on the Champions Tour. These guys are Hall of Famers, these guys are legends. I just feel very blessed to be out here playing with them.

Q. What do you think it's going to be like to play with Gus Malzahn tomorrow in the pro-am?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I didn't know I was playing with Gus, so I think that's going to be a lot of fun. Weather's going to be good, which is great. Looking forward to playing with him, that will be great.

Q. Do you know much about his personality or his golf game?

SCOTT McCARRON: I don't know much about his golf game. I know he's a great guy, though, so it will be fun.

Q. Any impressions? You played 18 today?

SCOTT McCARRON: I did.

Q. Any thoughts on --

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, the course is in really good shape right now. I know we're going to get some rain, so it's going to be wet, which we've had some wet conditions over the last couple weeks. But they have a lot more grass on the greens, the greens are rolling very nice right now. Fairways, of course, in very good shape. So I'm just hoping Mother Nature cooperates and we don't get too much rain.

Q. Can you just speak to -- I know I was here early on Monday and there were plenty of guys here. Obviously it starts Thursday, so I get that part, but I mean, it's a major, right? Does like -- do you guys like amp up still for majors?

SCOTT McCARRON: You know, it's interesting. I kind of get amped up for every tournament. There's tournaments out here I really enjoy playing and this is one of them, but this being a major is a big deal. It comes with five years to Hualalai, which we all love Hualalai, we all want to be there, so winning a major gets us five years in Hualalai. Everybody's kind of judged a little bit on majors. Even though this isn't the PGA TOUR, it's still special to win a major out here.

Q. What did you do to celebrate?

SCOTT McCARRON: You know, it's so funny, the last few wins we haven't been able to celebrate at all because we're just going right to the next event. We had to fly to New Orleans, I had an outing Monday in New Orleans, so we really didn't get a chance to celebrate.

Last night I drove from New Orleans here, which is five and a half hours, after the outing all day. I'm a little tired right now. Celebrate when I get home in Lake Norman, which we did after the win in Atlanta. We got all our friends and neighbors together and had a little barbecue. It wasn't much of a celebration because I cooked for about 20 people, so next time I think I'll have somebody else cook for me.

Q. Another boat in the future?

SCOTT McCARRON: Not another boat. We've got a nice boat and the weather's getting good, so hopefully we'll be on the lake soon.