

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
September 1, 2019



WES SHORT, JR. (-13)

JACKIE SERVAIS: Please welcome 2019 Shaw Charity Classic champion Wes Short, Jr., to the media center. Congratulations on your win. Let's just start off with the obvious question, what happened on 18?

WES SHORT, JR.: Well, I got a really good break and I hit kind of a little bit of a thin 3-wood and pushed it a little bit. I thought it might have been over, but it hit a rock and kicked up on the green and I was going, oh, yeah, thank you. It was a pretty good break, really good break.

JACKIE SERVAIS: You've obviously had success here in Canada, your last win came in Quebec. Is there something about what's in the air here or is there any explanation for that?

WES SHORT, JR.: There's not. It must be. I mean, I finished like fourth here one year, then I won in Quebec and then I win here. Maybe I need to move here.

Q. I know it happened pretty quickly, but from the moment that, you know, 3-wood leaves the face of the club to the moment you see it (inaudible), can you just take us through what's happening between your ears, how you're kind of I guess watching that the same way everyone else did?

WES SHORT, JR.: Yeah, you know, when I saw it in the air and I pushed it and I caught it just a hair thin, I was thinking I hope it just carries the water because I know it's not getting to the green. Then it hit the rock and, you know, you couldn't really tell when it kicked up in the air which way it went. Then I saw it land on the green and roll to the left and I was thinking that's a good break.

Q. Were you looking at the leaderboard and seeing that McCarron pulled into a tie with you?

WES SHORT, JR.: I did, I saw that. I always -- I look at the leaderboard all the time, so I knew exactly where we stood. Tom Gillis bogeyed 17 to get all three of us at 12 under. So we had the par 5 left. If I hit a good drive I thought I could get there, so I did hit the good drive and then I hit a great 3-wood right where I needed to.

Q. Did your putt for birdie, did it seem longer than it was?

WES SHORT, JR.: I'll tell you what, they do when you have a chance to win, and it was probably about two and a half, three feet. It probably looked five, six feet and I was sure glad it went in.

Q. And what was the feeling when that went in?

WES SHORT, JR.: Finally all the hard work you put into this stupid game comes to the top and it makes it, all your efforts, see what you've done with them.

JACKIE SERVAIS: Wes, it's been a long time since you've won. How has that process been over the last couple years?

WES SHORT, JR.: You know, I had some chances to win and haven't done it. It's hard to win out here. It seems like McCarron and all them have a pretty easy time of it, but for most of us it's not that easy. I've had some of my chances and you've got to take advantage of your chances, and today I did. I played pretty solid golf today.

JACKIE SERVAIS: Could you see that kind of coming into this week that something like this could happen or are you kind of surprised?

WES SHORT, JR.: You know, I've been not driving it well this year. I usually drive the ball well and I've been hitting my irons good and I've been putting really good. So if I can -- knew if I could just keep it in play around here that I had a chance. The course, I mean, there's about four, five holes here you have to really drive it good on and that was one thing I seemed to have done this week, I drove it good on the holes you had to drive it good on.

Q. Wes, it seemed like for us sitting in here, the changes on the leaderboard were kind of nonstop. As a guy who admittedly watches the leaderboard, what was that ride like out there today?

WES SHORT, JR.: Well, I three-putted the 13th or 14th hole. When I looked over, I saw, who was it, Tom Byrum had it to 13 under and that got me back to 10. So I knew that I thought I had to make some birdies coming in because the 18th hole. I then birdied the par 3 and then the tough hole I thought with the driving hole, the next hole and I hit a really good second shot in there and made birdie there. Then 17 and 18, I mean 16 and 17 are not really birdie holes, but they sure can be bogey holes. I saw that I guess Tom had a little bit of a problem and then I was playing with Gillis, so I knew exactly where I stood.

Q. Knowing how tough it is to win out here and knowing your kind of unusual journey to even get to the top level in the first place, can you just describe the significance of getting a win?

WES SHORT, JR.: You know, it's just you've got to believe in yourself, and I do. I haven't won as much as I think I should have, but it's very gratifying to finally see my name on the top of the leaderboard again and win the tournament.

Q. Are you going to wear your cowboy hat?

WES SHORT, JR.: Probably so.

JACKIE SERVAIS: That's fashion in Austin, Texas, right?

WES SHORT, JR.: You know, actually I'm from Texas and that's the first cowboy hat I've ever had.

Q. How's it look? Have you had a chance to see it?

WES SHORT, JR.: Well, I put it on for the -- you can't see yourself, though. A little tight, but I've got a big head.

JACKIE SERVAIS: Other questions for Wes? Awesome. Congratulations.

WES SHORT, JR.: Thank you.