ROUND 2 INTERVIEW January 31, 2020

SCOTT McCARRON (-8)



Q. How was your game today?

SCOTT McCARRON: I shot 7 under. I played pretty solid. I made a lot of nine-footers today, putts inside 10 feet, which I didn't make any yesterday. I putted probably the worst I've putted in about a year yesterday and figured it out a little bit last night on the putting green. So I putted nicely today, kept the ball in play, and 7 under's a pretty good score today.

Q. What has this meant for you to play the Champions Tour in a country like Morocco, outside of the U.S.?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, it's fantastic. We've never been to Morocco before. The PGA TOUR's never been to Morocco and the PGA TOUR Champions has never been here. It's pretty exciting, when this event was announced that we're all getting to come to Morocco. It's been fantastic so far. The food's been great, the people have been friendly, the golf course is in good shape. So we're having a good week and we're looking forward to coming back here for many years to come.

Q. Scott, do you feel like you're --

SCOTT McCARRON: No.

Q. Come on. Do you feel like you're --

SCOTT McCARRON: I have no feelings, Jackie, you know that.

Q. Did your game just keep going from 2019 into 2020? Do you ever feel like you had an offseason?

SCOTT McCARRON: No, I did not feel like I had an offseason at all, but I didn't play at all. For that month and a half, I only played two rounds of golf, didn't practice at all, but it went by very quickly, I was surprised.

So going back and playing in Hawaii a couple weeks ago, I wasn't sure what was going to happen because I didn't play that well the last couple events. But I hit the ball nicely in Hawaii, just didn't putt that well. You know, the putting came around today. So again, I'm still trying to work and trying to get better. I feel like the start of the season's really starting now.

Q. Do you feel mentally exhausted? I know at the end of last year you were like grinding, grinding, grinding, and obviously you have to set that goal to win it again this year. Do you feel like super tired having that thought or no?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I was pretty tired after the end of last year. With that grind, especially the last month or so, everybody started playing well, started getting on my tail when I kind of had a big lead. I think I was focused on winning the Schwab Cup and I think that took a lot out of me. I really rested a lot in the offseason and I was ready to go at least energy wise and mentally wise, so I don't feel like it was a grind just continuing. I felt like I got some good time off and I feel refreshed and ready to go.