

SCOTT McCARRON

Q. How many holes did you play today?

SCOTT McCARRON: 34 and a half.

Q. Is that all?

SCOTT McCARRON: That's all. Yeah, I had my second shot on the second hole, which is number 11, for my 164, that's where I started.

Q. A long day, but a good round.

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, it's a long day. The day before, I three-putted No. 10 from about 40 feet, missed like a 3-footer, then almost missed the next one, so it was kind of nice that we didn't have to play anymore. I kind of figured some things out, and putted a little bit.

And I hit the ball pretty good today and made some nice putts, so it was a good, solid day. A long day, a little tired now, and I'm ready to rest.

Q. Any long putts or short putts where you hit great approach shots?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I made a lot of nice 10- to 15-footers today. I missed a couple early in the day, but then I started rolling them in pretty nicely.

It was -- I woke up this morning and went to dry my hair, and my neck just tightened right up. It was almost like Chevy Chase when he stuck his fingers in the car door. I was like, "I didn't do that." I knew I was going to play -- have to play a lot of holes today, so I wasn't even sure I was going to be able to go. I went in the fitness trailer and they kind of loosened it up a little bit, but it was bothering me all day. But I think I was more just thinking about keeping it loose and wasn't really thinking too much about score. And lo and behold, I played pretty good.

Q. How did the course conditions change as the day went on?

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, they got a little bit drier. I tell you what, my hat's off to the grounds crew, what they did here to even get it ready. I didn't think this course would be ready to play after how much rain they have had, five or six inches. But they were able to get it ready. We had a two-hour delay this morning. And we had a lot of casual water

in the morning. Not a lot of casual water in the afternoon. So, played it lift, clean and place, where we kind of get it out of the low stuff pretty easy. And I was pretty shocked at how good the golf course played for how much rain they had.

Q. You had a good year. You positioned yourself where tomorrow could be a special day. Talk about how you like where you stand, and --

SCOTT McCARRON: Well, I played pretty good this year. I had a win just a couple weeks ago in Atlanta at the Mitsubishi Classic. I've got five top 5s, so I have kind of been in the mix a little bit. And I'm just having fun. I love playing out here. I love playing with these guys. These guys were all kind of my heroes when I first came on the PGA Tour, and I have been playing against them for 20-something years. And to be out here at 53 and still be competitive and having fun, I mean, it's a dream come true.

Q. You mentioned the Mitsubishi a couple weeks ago. You -- it's kind of a deja vu, with the long Saturday.

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah.

Q. Did it help -- did you have a game plan, you did it before? Did it help with your game plan?

SCOTT McCARRON: I wasn't really thinking much about Mitsubishi today, but I knew that I just had to stay patient again. And that's the biggest thing. When you have long days like this, you're going to make some mistakes, and you're going to make some birdies. Just don't get too down on yourself when you make those mistakes. And stay patient. And I did a really good job of that today.

Q. All right. Appreciate it.