

Q. Not to start a sore subject, but number one, you talked yesterday about the importance of hitting the first tee shot.

SCOTT McCARRON: Oh, absolutely. You know, I've had kind of a cold that just got worse. My head's a little foggy and just didn't make a very good swing and I missed the first fairway, put myself in a really bad position. And then when I got up there I thought I could get it in the front of the green and then when I got over it I thought, oh, this is going to be -- you know, I probably should have just chipped out but I thought I could probably do it and didn't do it. So unfortunately, I had a double, which kind of started me off.

But that wasn't it. I could have still come back from that and I just didn't hit it very good today, but I hung in there all day long. Got up and down from everywhere and unfortunately missed one up-and-down on 13 where I missed about a four-footer down the hill. Hit a good putt and it didn't go in, it just broke off. If that thing goes in, it's a different story. It was just unfortunate today, just didn't quite have it today.

Q. (No microphone.)

SCOTT McCARRON: I've got a cold. Everything that's been going on, been playing well and winning and all the stuff that goes with it, traveling, sometimes you just get a little cold. Just a little foggy and just didn't quite feel right.

But no excuses. I still should have gone out there, if I shoot 3 under, I win this thing. Just wasn't able to do it today. Unfortunately, just didn't put myself in position off the tee. Missed some fairways, missed some greens, but I hung in there.

Man, I was still grinding it out when it came to the last hole. Almost holed it, missed it by a foot. I mean, to still have a chance going to the last hole was kind of cool. And when I hit it, I thought, oh, that could be good. You know what's funny, though? You know how we golfers are, I got on 18 and halfway down my swing I'm like, oh, yeah, do this, and I'm like swear to God and I just bombed the drive and got up there and hit a nice wedge and I got it now but it's too late. I'm just like everybody else, one of those things. Oh, well. I got it.

Q. So you got it for next week?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, exactly.

Q. So what is your assessment of the week, the PGA TOUR Champions' first week in Japan?

SCOTT McCARRON: Oh, it's just been wonderful. The people here have just been absolutely fantastic. I can't even say enough how nice everybody's been. The people that don't speak English try to speak English or they'll teach us some Japanese. We went out last night to sushi and we were just having a blast with everybody back there,

we're laughing and giggling about what to eat. Everyone's just been wonderful. The volunteers were fantastic all week. This golf course was in the best shape I think we've played all year long and anybody who didn't come really missed out.

Q. Are there any changes that if the event does come back here next year, which you're hoping it will?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah.

Q. Are there any changes you think need to be made?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, I think obvious changes are a few of the fairways, the contouring. You can go 2, 3, 11 and 17. Those would be the ones that I would probably redo. You can't hit the fairway on 2, you can't hit the fairway on 3. But I like what they did today, they moved the tee up. If you move the tee up it's a much better hole, it leaves you a little wider area. Where they have the tee back there, the fairway's seven yards wide and that's just too narrow. On 11 it's seven yards wide and sloped. So that I think -- and you can't even lay up to an area back because it's still all messed up.

So I really think they should go in and redo those holes, redo the landing areas and they would have an absolute winner here, yeah. I'm sure everybody's kind of saying the same thing. It's pretty obvious. You don't have to be a golf course designer to figure that out.

Q. So are you back to Vancouver?

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, we're back to Vancouver, to Victoria, where I lost a playoff to Colin Montgomerie last year, so looking forward to getting back there. I like the golf course, I thought it was an absolutely beautiful area. We'll see if we can keep this roll going.