

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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SCOTT McCARRON (-8)



MAUREEN RADZAVICZ: Fantastic first round, 8 under, course record.

SCOTT McCARRON: That's what they just told me. You told me that.

MAUREEN RADZAVICZ: Yes, 65 before.

SCOTT McCARRON: I played really solid today, I gave myself a lot of opportunities. The weather was absolutely perfect. The course was in great shape. I left a few out there. I had chances to reach both par 5s on the back side and made pars, and I kind of tear up the par 5s normally, but I kind of got one back when I holed a sand wedge from 84 yards, which was a lot of fun. I haven't holed a shot in a long time, but it was a lot of fun. Today, I had a great group, I'm playing with two of my buddies, Harris Barton, Doug MacKenzie. Mateo is just a great kid from Denver, had an absolute blast playing with him. This is one of my favorite tournaments to play in.

MAUREEN RADZAVICZ: You talked about your eagle, but can we go through the birdies? I know there were a lot of them.

SCOTT McCARRON: Yeah, there were a few. I had started off nice, I started off on the back side which was the old front side, which is always a tough start for me, and I started off, birdied the first hole, hit it in there about four feet, made that.

Second hole made another nice shot in there, had about 12-foot for birdie, made that. Kind of went on a little bit of a dry spell but I made a nice birdie on the par 3 No.15, had a good 6-iron in there and made that for birdie to shoot 3 on the front. Then again, I didn't birdie No. 9, which is a hole I can reach, and I had a chance to reach it and I made par, so a little disappointed there.

Made the turn and birdied my 10th hole, No. 1. Hit a great 3-wood from like 265 yards to about 18 feet, cozied that up for birdie. Hit a really nice 9-iron on the next par 3 to about eight feet and made that for birdie. A couple pars after that, a couple good pars, and then got to 14 and hit a good 3-wood and 84 yards with the sand wedge and holed it, which was great. Unfortunately I went and bogeyed the next hole right after that, which was a little disappointing. I always struggle on that par 3 down the hill, 15. I just birdied three par 3s in a row and then made that bogey. But then I bounced right back, hit a nice drive and 7-iron to about three feet, made that for birdie and made the birdie on the last hole, a good drive and 4-iron to about 25 feet just below the hole.

MAUREEN RADZAVICZ: How did your junior play today?

SCOTT McCARRON: He played good, he played solid. Unfortunately I was making a lot of birdies on the holes he could have made birdies but he made a lot of pars. He hit 3-wood off the tee all day long and drove it really well. And the one hole that I bogeyed, he made par on, so he helped on that hole, which was great and that's when I needed him. Other than that, I was just making so many birdies, hard for him to get involved. But he's a great player and a really good guy and I had a blast out there with him today.

Q. Do you more comfortable out here now?

SCOTT McCARRON: I've been playing Poppy since it opened, being a north Cal guy. The redo turned out really nice. To be able to play this time of year when it's fast and firm really makes a big difference. When I think of Poppy, I always thought back in the AT&T days when it was raining and it was sloppy and you're backing balls up everywhere. Today the golf course was in great shape, nice, fast and firm, and this time of year it's just perfect.