

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
**February 28, 2021**



**COLLIN MORIKAWA (-18)**

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**Q. Collin with a beautiful catch from his caddie J.J. with his watch. Had to put it on his wrist for the interview, we understand that. It's a business as well as a game.**

**Collin, this was the best field all season on the PGA TOUR, 47 of the top-50 in the official World Golf ranking. This is the first time in your young career you've held an outright 54-hole lead. So what does it say about where you are right now being able to hold off these great players?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** I mean, it shows that I can come out here and compete. But what a week. I mean, I was working on so much the past couple weeks, tips from Mark O'Meara, Paul Azinger, got this week through. My game felt so good, but I'm just so excited right now.

**Q. Got to ask, what were the tips?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Mark O'Meara, I was talking to him about putting. Obviously it's been a big change to the saw grip that he calls it, not the claw. Then I came over and actually on this 18th green and talked with Azinger for 10, 15 minutes about chipping and it just saved my life this week.

**Q. He certainly knows the golf course very well, so that was probably a great tip to get from Paul Azinger.**

**We've got to ask you about Tiger. We know what happened on Tuesday with the accident. We know he was watching all week long. He was your golfing idol growing up. He was one of the reasons you were inspired to get to this point in your career. You are now the only player other than Tiger to win a major and a World Golf Championship event under the age of 25. How impactful is that?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Tiger means everything to me. And yes, he had the crash and thankfully he's all right and hopefully he has a quick and great recovery, but I don't think we say thank you enough. So I want to say thank you to Tiger, because sometimes you lose people too early and that's what -- Kobe. I lost my grandpa about a month ago. And you don't get to say thank you enough. So thank you, guys.