

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
**October 17, 2021**



**COLLIN MORIKAWA (-24)**

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**Q. Collin Morikawa, needed just 29 strokes on the front nine and you then had that walk-off eagle. Collin, describe what it was like to dig deep and put together this performance, especially after some of the challenges you had early on in the week.**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Yeah, the five back, especially after that Friday round, I'm happy, I'm pleased. Obviously it's not over until it's over, but just the way I put together this round from 1 through 18. The back nine didn't go as planned. I think if I had a half foot of more speed on a lot of putts on that back nine we could have had a few more birdies, but you know what, an eagle at my home course, Summit, it's been an awesome four days to start the season and just look forward to the rest of the season.

**Q. Speaking of that home course, what decisions did you make today based on your experience of constantly being out here and practicing?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** I just knew I can make a lot of birdies. I think everyone knows that out here, but I just want to play my game, stick to what I've been doing. I kind of found something yesterday when I started hitting a few better iron shots and just kind of stuck with that.

**Q. There's still plenty of scenarios that can happen over the next hour. What are you going to be doing for the next hour?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** I might get a little food right now, but there's a lot of scorable holes, wind's not too up. Rory's a great player, he's one of the best in the world for a reason, but like you said, you never know.

**Q. Collin, congratulations. What a wonderful round of golf, 10 under 62. Let's talk about the round. Kind of a tale of two nines; four in a row, 7 under making the turn, and then you tried, you got that eagle at 18, but you just couldn't put any more birdies on the card when you made the turn.**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** I gave myself chances, though. I kept hitting good shots. Weren't as close as that front nine, but still had a lot of birdie opportunities and left a few that just kind of rolled right by the edge. They were going in on the front, they weren't on the back, but it was very nice to finish with an eagle on 18.

**Q. Great tee shot there. Tell us about the second because that back right hole location we haven't seen that much this week.**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Yeah, it was a perfect 4-iron. I was actually trying to land it just short of the ridge, but we knew if I flushed a 4-iron and I got some height on it, it would stop. It was just exactly pretty much how we planned out. Always nice to finish on a couple good swings.

**Q. You're a member here, so I'm sure you're asked this question by other members, what do you think the pros are going to shoot, what do you think the winning score's going to be. What was your thought before the tournament, and is this what you thought it would be with Rory right now at 25 under?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Pretty much. I thought it would be kind of that mid to high 20s. You saw it, there's a lot of birdies out there, but you've got to drive it well. They tucked some pins and it played fair and I think everyone knew that there was going to be birdies. You had to take advantage of these par 5s and it's just something I didn't do great the first few days.