

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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COLLIN MORIKAWA (-8)

Q. Collin, how would you assess the round out there today?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Very similar to yesterday. You know, wasn't hitting irons great, felt like I hit it a little bit better than yesterday, but short game and putting has kind of kept me in this first two days. If I can remember how to hit some little cuts, I think we'll be fine for the weekend.

Q. You go out in 4 under. Did you feel like you could have had some more momentum on the back nine there?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, but I think I hit one fairway on the back nine, makes it a little tougher. Out here when the greens are a little bouncy you want to have control of the spin. The rough out here is not really a lot, but you still get spinners, you get flyers and obviously I had one out there today. It would be nice to play out of the fairway, for sure.

Q. Were you surprised to see 16 under?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: A little bit, but it happens and guys play well and they take it deep. Look, I mean, so I'm eight back. I think it's still very doable. I've just got to go out there and play hole by hole, shot by shot and see what happens for the third and fourth round.

Q. Do you look at the number of shots you're back or how many people are in between you? Is there any philosophy for that?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: No, I've just got to go out and play my game. I can't force anything. Those guys are obviously playing really well and they're hitting really good shots. I think if I put myself in the fairway a little bit more, maybe I'll be able to attack some pins, but I can't start playing stupid because those guys are eight ahead of me or seven, whatever they are. Yeah, I've just got to play my game.

Q. Given your history here, would this one if you were to get it done this year or a year in the future, would it be (inaudible)?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, this would be really special. Just to hear the fans out there, I have a lot of friends just popping up out of nowhere like I said yesterday. It's great to see them, it's great to see old faces. It's just that energy of being back in L.A., being back home and it would be really special. For me it's another event and I've got to focus on playing well and through two days I'm pretty happy with the way I played.

Q. You shot 63 both days. Was it harder today (inaudible)?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: No, I felt like it was pretty similar. A couple pins out there were fairly birdiable and they kind of put it in front of us, they wanted to see some good shots. So I'm guessing there's going to be a few more tucked pins, a few more short-sided places that you could really miss and put yourself in trouble. You've just got to be smart. Just because those guys are shooting 9 under doesn't mean they're going to shoot 9 under every day. Hopefully I have a 9 under on a day that they don't play as well.