

# The Sentry

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Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii, USA  
Plantation Course at Kapalua

## Collin Morikawa

### Quick Quotes



#### Q. How would you assess the day?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Just never got any momentum going. Never felt comfortable with some shots. Irons actually felt the best part of my game. I just wasn't able to convert on the putts. Hit some good putts, they didn't go in. Speed was a little off. Out here you just got to just find a groove out here. If you can find a groove out here you can make three, four, five birdies in a row. We have seen it with a lot of these guys, hopefully we get in that groove starting tomorrow.

#### Q. Discomfort, is that just standing over the ball?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, no, it was just one of those days. Look, I'm pleased that I could shoot 6-under and have a day like that. I'm not going to complain at all, I'm two back heading into the weekend. That's all could I ask for, really, after a day like today. I think it's just, you know, get a little better sleep or something -- I actually slept great, that's a lie (laughing). Look, it's day-to-day. Some days you're on the range, it doesn't feel good, and you play well. Today didn't feel great and just didn't hit it as good. I made do with what I had, it's not like I put myself in too bad of positions, I just wish I converted a few more putts. I think it comes down to putting. The lines and the speed just weren't matching up to what I wanted today.

#### Q. This time last year the talk was you started working with Stephen Sweeney. Are you still working with him?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Oh, yeah. It's a great thing. We've been able to dial everything in, know what I need to do, when I take time off, for when putting's good, we know what we're looking at, we know how to look back at those things. So, that's exciting is that the stroke still feels good, I just didn't match up speeds, and the lines were throwing me off a little bit here and there with a couple double-breakers and just misreading a few things.

#### Q. Does it make you feel good when you have a day where you don't feel comfortable that you can go out

and put up a number you did today?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, I can't get complacent and feel like it's going to come, I got to go make it happen. I think I've been in that position where I had a bad day and played all right, and then I just assume it's going to go better tomorrow. I know tomorrow morning, when I wake up, I got to be ready to shoot a low score, because really anyone's still in this tournament, counting 8, 10 back.

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