

# The Memorial Tournament Presented By Workday

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## Collin Morikawa

### Quick Quotes

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

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Still really good. Look, this is a tough golf course and it's going to play tough. Very unfortunate finish with 17 -- I mean, 17, from where I was at in the fairway or in the bunker I would have taken a par, but after I hit that shot, obviously I wish I had the putt. But overall still really, really solid.

#### Q. Not to oversimplify this, what is it that makes it so hard? It's soft, the greens are running well, is it just getting out of position.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: This golf course? Just everything. The greens have a lot of angles to them, and if you're not in the right spot in the fairway it makes a lot of approach shots tough.

I had a wedge on 15 or 14, the short par-4, and I almost put it in the water. You're within yards of hitting a really good shot and you're yards within hitting a very poor shot. It just requires every, the focus from tee all the way to the green.

#### Q. Make you defensive at all at times?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Defensive I wouldn't say is the right word, it's just being smart and playing the correct shot, because if you play defensive you can put yourself in a worse spot and end up -- yeah, you might be safe from the water, but then you might have an impossible chip shot and you're chipping to the middle of the green and hopefully making 5.

#### Q. I don't know if you had a chance to look at the leaderboard, but it's loaded. It's what you would hope for at a major and on a Sunday. What do you think of what you see already out here with that?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Look, I think the guys that are playing really well are at the tops of their games right now and they're putting together really good scores. Hopefully



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we can put together three more and come together by Sunday.

#### Q. Is it fun when you know right away for three more days you're going to be competing with Scottie and Xander and all those guys who are obviously elite players?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, I mean, it's fun. I want to beat 'em, so -- no ill against them, but I want to play better than they do.

#### Q. Do you have any experience at all at Pinehurst?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: U.S. Kids, like Boys 12.

#### Q. How did you do?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I don't know. I actually don't know. I think I did all right. I couldn't remember a single shot I hit.

#### Q. Do they do the U.S. Kids at No. 2 or just at Pinehurst?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: We either did it at 2 or 4, and when I played at 13 again it was either 2 or 4, so I played it one year. I played Pinehurst 2. I think I played all right. I have no clue.

#### Q. Probably hit it a lot farther now.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: A little different golf game.

#### Q. The shot on No. 2 for the eagle, just what was the club and what was the idea on the shot shape?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It was like 127, 128 yards, straight down wind, a little downhill lie. We decided to hit sand wedge just so I could hit it as hard as I could and I was never going over the green. Before the ball's landing I think J.J. was talking about it going in, and thankfully it did, and it was nice. I haven't holed out in a while and that just shows I think kind of where the irons are getting to.

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