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Collin Morikawa

Quick Quotes

Q. Given your experience on this golf course, was it the rain that kind of seemed to have made it a little bit scorable today or was it the course changes?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: No, it was definitely the rain. The greens were soft enough and they're receptive. Wedges are spinning back and I actually didn't see any of that the past couple of days warming up or practicing. But you have to hit the fairway. Out here, wet rough, it's not going to help when the rough is pretty long. So you got to hit fairways and that's where it's going to start and I was able to do that today.

Q. I know you were asked about this earlier in the week but what does it feel like being here now with fans versus winning here without fans?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It's awesome. Kind of glad there weren't fans last year because that putt would have been a lot harder after JT made his. That's one of the one times I kind of wish it stayed the same.

But it's so good to see people. I've said it, since fans have been coming back, like they're the life, they kind of bring all the energy, it's great to see when you're rewarded -- not rewarded, but when you hit a good shot and they kind of clap and you can see their excitement, because it makes you just want to go make that putt even more and it's awesome to see people back for sure.

Q. What is it about this course and your game that seems like such a good fit?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It fits my eye off the tee a lot. There's only a couple tee shots where I might not be able to hit my cut as well as I want to. But other than that if I keep it in the fairway, I feel like I'm hitting kind of a lot of 9-irons, 8-irons and 7-irons and that's kind of what I've based my game on the past couple years and when I'm able to put those irons in my hands I feel like I can attack pins, I can be smart and give myself maybe some closer birdies than other guys can and obviously we rolled in a

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few today and just got to keep that up.

Q. Did you switch putters this week?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I did.

Q. Can you explain the reason and what it is?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, so I've been using the FCG TaylorMade putter, the mallet and once in a while I just have a hard time setting it up and setting it down. And the best putter they're never fidgeting with their putter, they just put it down and they know where they're aiming, they know what it's doing. So it's the same blade, it's a new putter, but it's the same blade I used actually last year at this tournament, I used it a lot coming out of college. It's just got a SuperStroke grip on, a little different loft.

So, overall, it's a putter that I've used before, I feel comfortable with, I just wanted to go back to a blade because I've putted with a blade my entire life and why not just go back and figure out the things that I've been working on and forget about the stroke, forget about the putter, just try and make the putt.

Q. (No Microphone.)

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, same putter.

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