

# THE PLAYERS Championship

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TPC Sawgrass

## Collin Morikawa

### Quick Quotes

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I felt fine in warm-up. Like nothing's been any signs of back problems. And teed it up on 11, and took one practice swing, and I just knew it was gone. Like I just had the feeling before when it's happened. And I just, I can't swing through it. Trust me, I would play if I could. It's just the worst thing in the world.

#### Q. Just like muscle spasm?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, I've had this stuff before, and been healthy all throughout the year, been moving weight and pushing, going fast. I don't know, like, before I even took my practice swing, it's like you had, like a weird, like deja vu thing. I took the practice swing and immediately knew, like, I just couldn't get through impact. So at that point called over my trainer, and talked about it with my caddie Mark, and it just sucks. I don't know how to put it in words.

#### Q. Are you in pain right now or just when you swing through?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, if I had to lift stuff and move around. I mean, I'm not back squatting or front squatting anything. I kind of know the protocols of what to do and kind of dance around it. But it's going to take a little bit of time.

#### Q. Can you feel this coming when this happens?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: No, no. I mean, warm-up, prep, nothing. I was ready to go swing even harder this week if I had to, right. Honestly, first hole felt great. Hit two great shots. Hit a great putt. Teed it up, nothing felt bad. Honestly, it was like, it's like a deja vu. Like it all hit me at one second, where I was like, something doesn't feel right. I took a practice swing, there it was, like not being able to swing.

#### Q. When was the last time this happened? You said deja vu.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, it's been awhile. Like I said,



like I've been really, really good with the body so far throughout the fall, and it's been a little while. It's just frustrating, because I don't know what caused it. Maybe something wasn't activated enough or what, but I went through all the warmups, felt fine. Just, yeah, it's awful. I feel terrible.

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