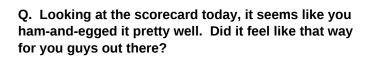
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Collin Morikawa Kurt Kitayama

Quick Quotes



KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, it's nice to not make birdies on the same hole and make every one count. Yeah, just good to not match up and pick up where someone is kind of struggling, and that's what we did.

Q. How did you feel like the game was overall today, Collin?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It was solid. We both had our issues on a couple holes here and there, but really the only one stressful hole we had was 15, and I was well out of the hole after being in the fairway, and Kurt -- it should have been an easy two-putt, turned into a great two-putt. But look, in this format, you just have to feed off each other's energy.

We talk about ham-and-egging, but we just played really solid golf, and when we were in trouble, one of us, the other one had stress-free birdie looks or pars. We played really solid golf, and we just have to continue that the next few days.

Q. In a format like this when you know you have to make a ton of birdies, do you get a little relaxed when you know you're off to a solid start?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I think so. My past history here I've gotten off to very slow starts, like 3-, 4-under through 9 and you try and turn on the burners at the end. Today it was nice to start off strong, get a few in and honestly just see a few putts roll in for us. For us I think a lot of it comes down to putting, and we saw a lot go kind of center cup, which is nice.

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