

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: COLIN MONTGOMERIE
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COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Yeah, it's been exciting. I've really enjoyed it. I've been very welcomed, which has been lovely to sense the warmth, you know. It's nice to be welcomed. I have enjoyed playing with Rocco the last two days, Bernhard, my good friend, the first two days, and Frost and Hale Sutton today. Everyone has a story, you know. It's amazing. I've enjoyed it and played reasonably well. I hit the ball well through the green. I didn't putt as well as I should have done or could have done, but everyone has their ins and outs. So I believe if that's a Top 10, I'm delighted with a Top 10 to start. It's my first outing here and to see how I feel and how the standard is, and I've obviously a lot of work to do because the standard's very, very high. I knew that before I came out, it's just a matter of witnessing it firsthand. I know there's some great golfers here and I've got to cut out the mistakes to compete on that level.

Q. (Inaudible)

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: I did, yeah, I lost a bit of momentum in the third round. I was 3-under after 6 yesterday and 3-under again after 6 today, and I didn't quite take it on yesterday. Yesterday was the round that should have been lower than it was. Today, 65 on a Sunday is always good. The pins are quite difficult, you've got to be careful. You might see a lot of shots away from the hole, but that's because the softness and you've got to play away from these flags. But the course setup was super and the way that the whole Tour, it's been a joy this first week and I look forward to returning for the U.S. Senior Open.

Q. You talked about how it would be nice to be playing a little bit shorter course.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Yeah.

Q. Did you feel a comfort level --

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Well, it's obviously not short enough, I need it shorter than 6,800, whatever this is. It was playing every inch of it because you weren't getting much roll in the fairways, so you know, okay, it was playing 7,000 out there. But I look forward to that because what's been happening over in Europe is I've been losing out distance-wise and now I'm more level, you know, with the guys I'm playing with. Yeah, it's a more level playing field. So I look forward, as I say, to returning to the U.S. Senior Open with hopefully a Top 10. If it's around that position, well, that's great, yeah.