

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: COLIN MONTGOMERIE**  
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**Q. So Colin, it's been a few years since you've been here.**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** Indeed.

**Q. How's the course looking so far from what you have seen?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** Yeah, very similar to what it was. It's in great condition considering. I'm always amazed at the conditioning of courses that are north of the arctic circle as we are here. It's amazing how you get them in such great condition just having a six-month season really with the snow and ice that you have. Fantastic. And it's great to be here again. Unfortunately, my schedule hasn't permitted me to play the last couple years, but delighted to be back again.

**Q. How's the game so far this season? What are you looking to accomplish here this week?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** Yeah, I had an injury along the year, I missed four or five events, so it's now playing catch-up really. Although fit now, it's difficult. The standard out here is extremely high, as everyone says, and you've got to be scoring mid 60s all the time or else you're going to get overtaken and trodden on in a hurry .so it's difficult to play catch-up. It's always easier to start off well and stay there than it is to play catch-up. So the game's coming back. I've got six good weeks coming up now, this is the start of a six-week run, finishing off on the west coast and I look forward to them all.

**Q. So what do you need to do this weekend to possibly win this tournament?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** I think you've got to -- I think this course is all about fairways and greens. The greens are fairly small here so it's a matter of hitting the middle of them and putting towards the corners and give yourself opportunities. So it's a classic fairways-and-greens golf course. It's not a bomber's golf course. There's not many bombers out here to be honest with you, we're all over 50 by definition. But it's just a matter of trying to find the fairways, find the greens and give yourself opportunities. We know 59's out there because it's been done. Whether it will be done again, God knows, but a tremendous score by Kevin Sutherland a few years ago. So we look forward to trying to score as low is possible. And the weather is not great tomorrow, Friday, but I hope we can dodge a few thunderstorms, and the weekend looks great so we look forward to it.

**Q. Can you talk about the rough? Some of the players have been talking about it being a little thicker than normal. Can you talk about the rough conditions?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** Yeah, the rough this year is quite demanding for seniors golf. We

usually only find this at major championships to be honest, the U.S. Senior Open or The Open in Britain. So this is quite demanding. That just goes back to what I was saying about fairways and greens, you've got to hit the fairways. However good you are out of the rough, it doesn't matter who you are, you are guessing. Yes, we guess is it going to come out, is it not going to come out, is it going to fly, is it not, how's it going to interact on the green, is it going to stop. All that is taken away if you're on the fairway. That's why it goes back to fairways and greens, always is.

**Q. What do you recall about playing here before, and obviously you look forward to coming back?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** Yeah, I look forward to it. I brought in the winner a couple of times on Sunday so I've done okay here, it's just a matter of trying to hole a few putts at the right time. We've got a great group tomorrow with Bernhard Langer and also with Miguel Angel Jimenez. I know them very well and they know me. We're last off so let's hope we finish before Bon Jovi starts his set at 9:00. But we just look forward to playing. It's great. It's nice to be here. This community feel on this tour is very strong, stronger than I would say the PGA TOUR is as a whole. You come here and you see that. I saw the banner there just through there, 15 and a half million for local charities over the years, just this one tournament. That's amazing. It's a lot of money, a hell of a lot of money, and to raise that just through one tournament is tremendous. So again, we look forward to adding to that sum and also enjoying ourselves at the same time.

**Q. Do you feel any added pressure or is it more exciting for you to be in that last group with Miguel and Bernhard knowing the firepower that's there?**

**COLIN MONTGOMERIE:** Oh, yeah, there's no pressure now. Those days are gone. I'm looking forward to Solheim Cup this week, it's on TV and it brings out memories of our Ryder Cup situations and that was pressure, believe me. This isn't, this is quite relaxed, but also playing with those two, my goal tomorrow is to try to beat them both, as I'm sure theirs is playing against the other two. So I know if I can beat them both, I've had a good day and that's my goal tomorrow.