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COLLIN MORIKAWA (-11)

Q. Collin, you put yourself in contention after two days. What went well for you out there today?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Simply doing the same thing I did yesterday really, just keeping it in front of me, giving myself chances, not putting myself in trouble. The one bogey I made I still thought I hit a good putt, chipped it out from the right rough, put myself in the spot I wanted to.

Really, just sticking to the game plan and executing the shots. I know that's what I said yesterday, I'm going to keep repeating myself, but that's really what it is. That's how you play simple golf, that's how you put yourself in contention really and it's nice to be able to pull it off a little bit.

Q. You said your goal is just not to miss left, like that's kind of the game plan this week. When did it feel like that was a reality where you were missing left and it was kind of spiraling?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I mean, it's just kind of been over the past couple months where I've seen some left misses and they've just been uncharacteristic. It's frustrating because you might have an 8-iron in your hand and you're trying to save par now, not that you're going to have birdie opportunities every time. It's just been a grind to figure out what it is. I feel like visually the swing looks great, but something small is making it miss left and that's just what that was. Figured it out Wednesday, it's worked the past couple days, we're going to keep sticking to it and hopefully it continues to get even better this weekend.

Q. And when you have that patented cut that everyone knows about and then you start seeing stuff go left, is it kind of a shock knowing how you've hit the ball for so long?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, yeah, because it wasn't just like one or two shots, and it's tough because you always see the same shot. Last year is different where I had to like force myself to see a different shot. I knew the good shots were still cutting, it was just the misses were double crossing.

Yeah, it creeps in, but this week, even if I had missed it left, it's like OK, one bad swing, everything else feels really good.



Q. How's that work in progress going?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It feels good, it really is. Like I told you yesterday, it's a simple thing. It's cleared up a lot of things and really it's nice to not see three, four shots miss long left. That's the most frustrating thing when you're a cutter of the ball.

Q. And is it something new you tried Wednesday or --

COLLIN MORIKAWA: No, no, we've been trying a lot of not necessarily new things, but new small things, new thoughts. It's nothing new. It's very -- it's pretty simple, to be honest. I'm still not going to tell you, though.

Q. I didn't think you were.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: If I finish on top, I'll tell you on Sunday, that's a fair answer.

Q. Can you take us through the shot on 14?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah. So hit a good drive down the middle. Awkward number-ish just because a good 5-wood would have probably flown a little farther than we wanted, we were trying to aim a little more left. Just kind of got a little bit spinny with the 5-wood, exactly how I wanted it, I just wanted it to land soft. Thankfully, it did even, though it landed right on that kind of collared front portion. To be honest, I thought I hit a better putt. It scared me a little bit because it almost fell outside the hole, but very happy with that three.

Q. Did you think that shot was going to go in?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: There's a guy reacting in the back, so apparently people do make 2s on that hole. I've never made a 2, though, so odds were pretty, pretty low.

Q. The week in Detroit, on Instagram you shared a beautiful meal in downtown Detroit, you go see Morgan Wallen, the golf's following. How special has the first two days been at least in this tournament and the week overall?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah, it's been a lot of fun. Look, golf is meant to be enjoyable, we're out here to have a good time. It's frustrating at times as well, but so far this week has been amazing. The people out here, the fans have been great, we saw a lot of people out here today. So it's been a nice ride. This is when work really starts, make the weekend, you're in contention and we just want to post two really low numbers this weekend.

