

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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(Through interpreter)

MIKUMU HORIKAWA: It was a tough golf course so I tried to stick with my management today.

Because PGA TOUR in Japan is once a year, so there are so many fans for this tournament, so he's got that like, he was able to enjoy today.

Q. Can you ask if he has any friends or family here?

MIKUMU HORIKAWA: A lot, yes.

Q. How special is it to be playing so well here in your own country?

MIKUMU HORIKAWA: Still this is first day, so he wants to -- he doesn't want to like expect a lot so he wants to focus until the last day.

Q. Ask him about being in contention with Morikawa, who is famous and has had so much success, what it feels like to be on the same level with him.

MIKUMU HORIKAWA: When he look at the leaderboard, first he thought he's the first because the name is very like similar, Morikawa and Horikawa. So oh, that's not me. He was like, oh, I want to catch up him.

Q. Two "kawas," Has he ever met Collin?

MIKUMU HORIKAWA: Not like friends friends, just he knows.

Q. Does he think it will be confusing for the fans as well seeing two "kawas?"

MIKUMU HORIKAWA: Yeah, yeah, because it's two like similar, so yeah, I think also got confused.

Q. Morikawa's famous. Is he famous?

MIKUMU HORIKAWA: He said not really, but he wants to become popular after this week to win.