

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**COLLIN MORIKAWA (-3)**



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**Q. Solid round today coming off your victory at Pebble. Just talk about how today was going for you.**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Yeah, just trying to keep the same mindset essentially. You don't want to get too relaxed but you also want to stay -- kind of find that zone to go out and play golf. A long day, a lot of back and forth kind of rain, no rain, a lot of wind, no wind. Just was able to get the ball in the hole, which was kind of the whole goal.

**Q. What was the toughest part of the conditions for you today?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Probably just I think when we went back out and it got really windy. The rain wasn't too bad this morning. I mean, we only played four holes and then it got blown. It wasn't playing that bad.

But I think when the wind picked up, that stretch from 12 all the way to 16, you're trying to make some pars coming in and hopefully take advantage of 17 and 18.

**Q. A lot of talk about the softness of the greens and how fast they were, a combination.**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Yeah, I honestly don't know how they got it to this. Like I've never seen greens like this. I mean, you could stop any club from anyplace on, you know, from the rough, flyer lies. Like, I mean, I think I had two or three shots today, flyers out of the first cut and rough and like I'm not worried about missing the green at all. It's just purely hit and hope. And then, I mean, you saw Rory's shot on 18, like it's just unfair's not the right word, you just have to really take those 30-footers and go out and make some birdies somewhere else.

**Q. Coming off the win and obviously being in where you grew up, what does it mean to play this well especially off the emotion of Pebble last week?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Yeah, I played solid today. There's three more days. There's a lot of golf left.

But nice to get off to a good start and kind of be around the lead. This course is going to play very different I think the next three days, not quite with the softness and speed of the greens but just score-ability with the wind being down. So we'll see some low scores over the next 54 holes.



**Q. Collin, is there a significance to the collection of pencils from last week?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** You know, I think ever since kind of junior golf, college golf like I always would get, like grab a few extra pencils here and there at courses you played really well or won in college. Kind of when I turned pro I decided to say "screw that" and I just started slowly grabbing Augusta National pencils. You know, there's worse places to have pencils. You know, I think Pebble's an amazing golf course, iconic venue and glad to use those pencils until the next one.

**Q. Have you made sure they have another box of pencils just in case for Sunday here?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** No. I don't need to worry about that yet.

**Q. Have you ever used a pencil anywhere than a scorecard?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** No, no. Do you need a pencil? I've got plenty.

**Q. (Inaudible) how old you are?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Oh, you mean like a golf pencil or like a normal pencil?

**Q. Normal.**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Yeah, I've used normal pencils. I'm 29, I'm old-ish.

**Q. (Inaudible) given the conditions?**

**COLLIN MORIKAWA:** Yeah, 12, I mean, we made the turn. I hit a 5-wood from 270 yards and backed it up on 11, and then you go to 12 and it's straight in the fan, can't really miss it right in the bunker, don't want to miss it too far left. The tree, who knows where it's going to bounce. So that was the first turn where we felt really into the wind straight in, and you have to just hit some quality shots because the wind's just going to exaggerate a slight miss or slight push or pull.

