ROUND 2 INTERVIEW February 16, 2019

COLIN MONTGOMERIE

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Q. Colin, 63. What was the key?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Just confidence on the greens really. I eagled the second hole I played, which is our 11th, and got an eagle. I don't make many eagles. I can't reach many par 5s, Billy, but, then I hit a couple of close-in shots, and I kept going, I kept hitting the fairways. They are generous, because they're so soft, so they're more generous than they would be normally, but you've still got to do it, I suppose. And it's easy to say, but I played well today and left a few shots out there, which is always encouraging. Tomorrow giving myself a chance, I will be 2 or 3 behind, no doubt, but at the same time giving myself a chance to get in the winner's circle.

Q. You talk about tomorrow. How much did you take away from yesterday that helped you play this round today?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: I played well yesterday. Tom Lehman and Mark Calcavecchia both said that yesterday. I played very well yesterday and I didn't really get much out of it. So today that allowed me to play well today, give myself confidence on the range and hopefully -- it's difficult to follow up a good round, always. You know that yourself.

Q. Always.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: That's always the case, okay, 63, we'll do that again. Hang on. If I can go out there and play well tomorrow, give myself some chances, that's all I have to do. And I'm putting well enough to hopefully take a few of them and hey, you never know.

Q. Thanks for your time. Good luck tomorrow.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Uh-huh.

Q. Did you see this coming?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Oh yes. My 67 the last round last week was good. I left a few out there, last week. I bogeyed 17 last week to score 67 my last day. I've been playing quite well. Hawaii was good -- you okay there?

Q. So Sunday in Hawaii?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: I was playing well Sunday, coming in here only 2-under, and it's a course you can get round here. The fairways are generous because they're so soft, so you can get round, but at the same time you've still got to do it. So 8-under is

great, and it's giving me half a chance tomorrow. I will be 2, 3 behind, no doubt, but at the same time it's better than being, what, 6 behind as I was last night.

Q. Are you ready to win?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Oh, God, last year was the first year in my -- I have to say, one of the first years in my professional career I haven't won somewhere!

Q. Yeah.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: I won in Denmark, I did, didn't I, mind you, I won in the European Seniors, but not out here, so yes, yes, far ready! Far beyond ready!

Q. Early last year you were battling an injury.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: I was indeed early last year, I was, yes.

Q. And this year you're playing well, getting off to a good start. How encouraging is that?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Fantastic. You see Langer 370,000 up already, you know, and you think, Christ, the season is just beginning, you know? Fantastic to know that you're swinging the club well, you're playing well. I've got some new equipment and it's going well. Yeah, I'm full of confidence, full of confidence, as I said to Billy I've just got to give myself some chances tomorrow, and if a few drop, well, we will see what happens.

Q. What would your dad James say about today's round?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: He would be disappointed because I missed a few putts.

Q. That's what I thought you would say. What would he tell you about tomorrow?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: I once won by 7, and he said "I'm disappointed at the 7th hole, son. You should have holed that putt." I won the tournament by 7. So he will be out here supporting me. It's great to have him out here at 89 years old, and long may it continue.

Q. Was he out today?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: He was for nine holes.

Q. That's neat.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Okay. Not at all.

Q. Play well tomorrow.