**2022 PGA TOUR Originals: The Life – Morikawa pb Zurich**

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**TEASE**

NAT: He beat us when he was seven

ANNC: A lot of support for this Los Angeles area of golf prodigy,

MORIKAWA SOT: People all over LA like, they'll kinda like claim me as this LA kid. And there's nothing to be shy about because that's who I am.

ANNC: Sky is the limit for Morikawa.

MORIKAWA SOT: I will rep locking you out as long as I can, like, I'll never change where I'm from. Because like, this is home. Just doing little games like this kind of shaped like, how I play golf. Really. There's still so much more that I want to accomplish. I'm just not there yet. And I think that's why I really haven't sat back and realized okay, yeah, I'm living out my childhood dream this because like, I just want more.

**LA CANADA HIGH SCHOOL PT. 1**

MORIKAWA SOT: La Canada is who I am, like, I'm very proud to have grown up there. I love the city. I love everything about it. It's crazy to think back that I graduated in 2015. So we're seven years past that. It's just awesome to be back

NAT: Is this our golf team? Way bigger than what we had before. But I love it. How are you guys doing? All right, who's the best? Number one amateur. All right, that's what I like. You guys can ask anything. I'm here on your guys's time. Who's got a question.

NAT: How are you so good?

NAT: You're just born like that? No, I mean, look you put in a lot of work. You put in a lot of practice, but we love what we do. It's weird. Like, I love what I do now, more than I probably did when I was in high school, which is crazy. Because I thought like golf was everything. And I thought, like I wanted to be where I am today. But there's just so much more than what you think is in these classrooms. So keep your eyes open, keep your ears open, like you're gonna learn a lot. And that's the best thing just always learn to

NAT: How do you stay good after a bad shot? Why you get angry? Yeah, one bad shot and I kind of start to fall apart. Here. Plenty of bad shots, you're gonna have no warm up, you're going to show up after class. We're gonna like complain, whatever. But like, you can't do anything about it. Like it's just, you're gonna get over it, you're gonna forget about it. But when you don't forget about it, then you're gonna ruin what's gonna happen in front of you. So always just learn from it. That's the biggest thing.

**COLLIN’S FIRST VICTORY**

ANNC: Can Morikawa answer and force a play off? Stay up, stay up, stay up. Matthew Wolff at the age of 20 is a PGA TOUR winner.

SESSINGHAUS SOT: A question that always pops up is does someone's game translate to the next level? And with Colin, I always said yes. No matter where you put him in, he was still going to thrive. And a word that I noticed thrown around a lot is his consistency. Look at what he did in college with the amount of top fives. He has a mindset of showing up every single round ready to go.

MORIKAWA SOT: Coming out of college, I felt really good with my game. And for me just to be able to focus on golf and not worry about a single thing on the golf course. It was great. I trusted myself, I trusted JJ I trusted everyone around me that they were doing the right thing to help me succeed. And it just made things easier for me to just show up and play golf. And that's the only thing I cared about was winning.

ANNC: Collin Morikawa and just his sixth start as a pro is now a winner on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: There's so much that goes into it. It's family there's commitment. You work hard at all parts of your game and when it comes together like this, there's not a better feeling.

**LA CANADA HIGH SCHOOL PT. 2**

NAT: You're coming down 18 and you have 15,000 people chanting your name how do you focus on that nine footer you had there?

NAT: Best feeling we can start chanting your name and let's see how you feel. You love being in those moments. That's when you practice for right you practice to like make those putts when a million people are watching you practice to hit that shot. You want that crowd you want it because that means you're doing something right. All right, good luck. Thank you guys.

GOLD SOT: The Collin I see today is the same call and I knew that a headstrong hardworking young man who isn't just a golfer, but he's just a good human being.

NAT: I got it, I'll sign it. Yeah, that's a good one.

GOLD SOT: Even now when he plays well to tournament I'll text him and he always responds, thank you doctor Gold thinks about La Canada everything we want to see in our youth is what we saw on Colin when he was in high school, and it's exactly the same person today.

MORIKAWA SOT: It's just awesome to be back. It's good to see some old teachers. But you know, it's cool to see what kids really loved golf and you know, that's it's high school golf. You know, you're gonna have some kids that do it just to take time and get out of class and you're gonna have some kids that really care. One kid nailed it spot on. I said La Canada and I will always use La Canada is where I'm from, and I hope every announcer gets that right.

ANNC: Next on the tee from LA Canada California, California, LA Canada California, Collin Morikawa

MORIKAWA SOT: It's a city in LA that just means so much. So much went right for me to be where I am today and very thankful for that. And it's so nice to be back.

**ADVERSITY IN 2020 SEASON PT. 1**

NAT: Obviously everyone's game is different. What did you have to focus on in your game to bring you from playing here to being a two time major winner?

NAT: Short game. My irons back then were still very very good. But I knew from day one like I had to work on short game I had to work on chipping I had to work on putting and I still do.

ANNC: This is what you practice for. Oh no.

MORIKAWA SOT: Missing this little three footer on the playoff on Charles Schwab coming back after really one of the longest breaks I think any golfer has ever taken you know because of COVID. It's tough. You think your game is going to be ready you think you're going to be all prepared. And then you miss the short little putt and it really just kind of pulled me back.

ANNC: Collin Morikawa's run is going to come to an end 22 straight cuts as a pro it's going to be a missed cut for him this week.

MORIKAWA SOT: Everyone was comparing me to Tiger how many cuts are you gonna make is he going to beat his record? That was like the one Tiger record that I thought was definitely doable his was at 25 and I had 22, still hurts because like I can't get that back I can't go back and redo my first professional event and start over like in and to be honest, I wouldn't want to start over.

**TIGER COMPARISON MINI**

ANNC: When you're being mentioned in the same breath and historic stats as Tiger you know you're doing something right.

MORIKAWA SOT: People get compared to Tiger all the time when they you know have a good streak or whatever because he really owns all the records and at the end of the day records are there to show who's the best but to create a legacy is to show what your game is about.

ANNC: Almost Tiger like in how he approaches his iron play.

TIGER SOT: His work ethic is unbelievable his intelligence his ability to be humble and hungry at the same time have the confidence in what he's doing and he just a guy whos gonna be around here for a very long time winning tournaments for a very long time.

ANNC: Boy makes birdies and bunches two doesn't he?

MORIKAWA SOT: Having the ability to talk with him that might spark something in my head to just be able to hit a certain shot or be able to do this or do that man that's been the absolute coolest thing of turning pro is just picking his brain.

MORIKAWA SOT: We love our coffee especially when I don't have to play golf I mean Kat will always have coffee no matter what.

NAT: Can I get a medium Julie's ultimate?

MORIKAWA SOT: It just kind of changes depending on the day can always get such a Tesora like hot or cold she got it either way. She had hot yesterday we had cold today. I just kind of go with the flow. I can always switch it up and I feel great about any choice I make.

NAT: How are you? We've got A lot of food spots. It's easy. Everything's within 20 minutes and it's like, get your food, change it up for the day, and then keep going. You have a great day. Thank you.

MORIKAWA SOT: Having Kat by my side, that's what's amazing to have that really core support system to make sure things go right. Because at the end of the day, if I don't play great golf, it's not going to decide who I am. And those people around me they don't care how it goes, they want me to be happy and that's what means the world to me.

**ADVERSITY IN 2020 SEASON PT. 2**

MORIKAWA SOT: You just have that extra little sense behind you. And you just go out and play golf. And for me, it was like okay, how do we go and win our next tournament? The mindset never changed was how do I win tournaments,

ANNC: This putt to send it to an extra hole. That had shades of Colonial.

MORIKAWA SOT: Whether it's at Charles Schwab or is that travelers when I miss my cut? It made me realize that like I can't get ahead of myself, you know, I can't take anything for granted. And that's what golf is like. You got to put the ball in the hole and then until it is you know, your score doesn't really matter.

ANNC: Justin Thomas Collin Morikawa to win the title here at the Workday.

MORIKAWA SOT: Playoffs are nerve racking. It's a one and done you know, you either win or you lose and one shot can cost you the entire tournament right there. So by the time I got to Workday, and you know, I caught myself near the lead. It was the first playoff hole and Justin Thomas makes a you know 50 footer.

ANNC: Fifty two footer. Oh my goodness. Can you believe that?

MORIKAWA SOT: I just had to remember that. Like I could not get ahead of myself. You know, I couldn't start thinking about second place or I couldn't start thinking about oh, like we're gonna go on another hole. If I make this. I really had to focus in on that. And I did a great job on that.

ANNC: Could it be? Oh!

MORIKAWA SOT: That's worth losing another playoff helped.

ANNC: Missed his first cut two weeks ago, took a week off and straight back in the winner's circle call Morikawa.

MORIKAWA SOT: I love to be in that spot. Because right at the end of the day, I want to be winning more tournaments. I want to be number one in the world. And with that comes the attention of people expecting you to play well.

**CHEVY CHASE CC - RANGE**

MORIKAWA SOT: I grew up in La Canada and the like kind of city division is right at the top of the hill. As we drive down Chevy Chase, it's pretty much one big long street. It's less than five minutes for me to get out of my house to the golf course. And I was kind of spoiled in the sense that I had a golf course that closed and I didn't have to drive 20 minutes or 40 minutes or whatever it was through traffic like it was right there. And I showed up to a course that had no one playing either. We're here at Chevy Chase Country Club in Glendale, California. Right down the street from where I grew up.

MORIKAWA SOT: Got a beautiful clubhouse, definitely newer than what I was used to when I was here. It's quiet. You know, but a lot of country clubs, especially how much golf has been growing since the pandemic 2020, there's been a lot of increase of play of people showing up to golf courses. But here, you know, I've always seen the same kind of eight to 10 guys every single day, and no one knew. And it's definitely has a different vibe, you know, in LA in Southern California get used to Munis or you have the really, you know, high private clubs. Chevy Chase is unique, because it's a 10 hole golf course. And you never see that anywhere around the world.

MORIKAWA SOT: Our driving range. Yeah, so it's a net, it's probably like 15 yards long. I'm curious if there's still the holes up top, because that's what I used to hit through. That was kind of my warmup, we have a plateau you can kind of see it way beyond those trees. It's about 220 yards you'd have to pick up your own balls. So that kind of got a little boring and a little lazy at the same time. So you'd kind of just warm up in a little net off some mats and go straight to the First Tee. I'm gonna head to the driving range.

NAT: Good morning. How you doing? I don't like I'm so new to this, like I don't know where to pull up. There's too many like parking spaces here its weird.

MORIKAWA SOT: I probably wouldn't even take three clubs to warm up here. This is more of a two club type of thing. Chevy Chase is driving range. Nice big net. Seems like there's maybe more holes in the net. But I remember there used to be one or two holes in the net. And you'd have to try and hit off the mat through the hole and try and get it as far out there. I mean, there wasn't enough people to where you're really endangering anyone. But that's kind of what we did.

NAT: Oh, man, so we're hitting it a little low today.

MORIKAWA SOT: Just doing little games like this. I mean, this is 20 yards long. You don't even know where the ball flights going. So you're almost guessing how the ball flight is going to move. But it kind of shaped like how I play golf really. Tiger has always talked about having those nine shots, you know, the moving it left to right, right to left straight but having the windows of high, medium or low. It's literally seeing myself in this little range picturing a window just like this. And can I hit that window with a club immediately. Oh, there you go.

**MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP MINI**

TIGER SOT: He has the type of game that's going to be sustainable for a long period of time, but also a type of game that can play in all different types of venues.

MORIKAWA SOT: There's something about majors that make some people focus a little more.

ANNC: Morikawa would claim his first career major at the PGA Championship at Harding Park.

MORIKAWA SOT: They're life changing their career changing and you just want more now that I've had two under my belt.

ANNC: May have a future in this game the two time major champion.

TIGER SOT: To see him win two major championships early in his career like this is only going to propel him to win more.

DJ SOT: When he first got out here, we made some noise. He's learned quick, you know how to perform in the big moments.

HOVLAND SOT: Fast forward a couple of years you've already won two majors. That's quite a big step. The way he's continuing to strive for, for getting better. That's that's pretty cool to watch.

ANNC: Collin Morikawa is a world golf champion.

MORIKAWA SOT: If I had set the bar of saying that 20 years old I wanted to win two majors by the time I finished my career. I'd be okay with myself but I'm not I just want to keep winning. I want to keep beating these guys out here. That's just who I am.

**CHEVY CHASE CC – 6TH HOLE**

MORIKAWA SOT: Oh, the stairs I hate here Chevy Chase hole six. Probably my favorite hole in the entire world had my first two whole ones here. It was right in between my birthday. So I had a span of a week and a half where I had to hone ones on this sixth hole. I only have three. So it's not like I have a lot. And yeah, I mean we're going to try and replicate that today. It's kind of a blind shot. I want to say it's around 145 Little uphill. Can't see the green. The first time I made my hole in one the pin was in the back and that's the only little sliver the green you can see. It's the best feeling in the world. No fluff. You got to miss it right. Anytime you have your first hole in one it's just a feeling of joy and just relief especially with how much golf I play. What Oh, I hit it too hard it's really all luck you know I've hit so many good shots on par threes and they never go in and that's just how it works.

ANNC: Maybe! Goodness what a shot by Collin.

**CHEVY CHASE CC – OG’S**

NAT: I was gonna go see you guys know you don't want to see us want to see us. Same group out here, nothing. Nothing changes. These are part of the seven to 10 guys that would always play every single day other than myself. He does when he was seven. I won the Club Championship here once I remember that.

CONTE SOT: I remember him at a young age. And just having a swing that you knew he was gonna make it.

MORIKAWA SOT: I don't think I ever drove up to the to the steps either. Like I remember I was a little kid. And I'm still small but I always used to like just walk up here and take my little stretch. You guys can go ahead. We're old 70 and 80 year old you guys. You already have nine holes in look at the distance that I'm giving these guys it's about 20 yards I mean. We'll play straight up.

NAT: Oh nice ball Collin.

MORIKAWA SOT: You guys so you know you know what ballmarker I use I still use the old Fugawi one, the Fugawi but no no this one is that the bigger the big coin. Yeah, I use it every tournament. Yeah, I love it. I'm gonna use this today but I don't bring out the other one. The other ones the other one sacred.

NAT: Like 142 Yeah, man just such a bad number today. Well it's in the middle because most of us can't but worth a darn and everything our superintendent fix it for us.

BIERMANN SOT: The thing to me way back who was his dad and him I mean that was the greatest thing going I love that and I got it more dads and sons had that opportunity. It was special. It really was.

MORIKAWA SOT: I was very thankful to have parents that were willing to take time out of their day to come drop me off and pick me up when I needed they really jumpstarted everything.

NAT: I hope that gave me my first albatross ever. This might be my best shot ever here. I'm showing up today. Oh man. All right. I'm trying. Yeah. Oh, come back. Bigger holes.

MORIKAWA NAT: It's a four. It's a birdie. Right. Hey, thank you. It was great. Good to see you guys. Pleasure. Thank you guys, my keeping this this for me. All right, keep your regular buddy don't change. I know I'm not changing the regular one. This will. This will be the backup just in case.

MORIKAWA SOT: Looking back at you know how I kind of grew up in Chevy Chase. It's you know, I think that's what went right. It was kind of just me having fun, creating games and making this game into something that I love.

**ROLLOUT**

MORIKAWA SOT: Young Colin would be very proud of how I've kind of managed everything. I've balanced my life have understood what golf means to me. I think golf back then was probably everything and that's all I cared about. But now I've realized there's so much more to life. And I think that's what's really cool. Even a young me, we just want to win. We just want to keep being more competitive. We want to go out there and just keep pushing it. I wouldn't doubt that that's exactly what a young me would say.