

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**July 4, 2019**



**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA (-7)**

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**Q. How good was today? I know you're disappointed with the last hole, but all in all you have to be very pleased.**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Yeah, a little hiccup there at the last, but I'm satisfied with the way I played all day.

**Q. Talk about your putting. No. 1 in strokes gained putting today. I noticed your stance is more narrow now, you changed some things. Are you pleased with your putting?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Yeah, I've been trying lots of different things and the stance, the narrow stance seemed to work today, so we'll see how it goes.

**Q. Lastly, you've been playing really good here in the last five, six weeks. Is the confidence level high?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Yeah. I mean, with the hard work comes more confidence and good play and hopefully I can keep it going.

**Q. Hideki, leading right now. Just some comments on your round today and the way you performed.**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Yeah, it was a good round today. Played well. Hopefully I can keep it going tomorrow and the rest of the week.

**Q. What was working the best for you today, Hideki?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** I was rolling it good. I was putting very well and that was the key to the round.

**Q. This is your first time seeing this golf course, TPC Twin Cities. What are your thoughts on it?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** There's some tough holes out there, but it seems to suit me fine and looking forward to it.

**Q. Is it a pace you can continue the next three days?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** That would be great if I could, but all I can do is my best and that's

what I'll try to accomplish.

**Q. Is there a moment that you felt like you had it going today, or when did that happen?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Just the putts were going in and it felt good.

**Q. You've been very consistent this year making a lot of cuts. As far as being in contention and not getting a win yet, does that annoy you, does it bug you?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Yeah, of course we all want to win and it's been frustrating, but I really haven't played well enough to really contend on Sunday. Hopefully this week will be different.

**Q. Have you been in the U.S. long enough to have any appreciation for what today is, a national holiday, Fourth of July?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Yeah, it was great today. Great gallery, a lot of people out, a lot of red, white and blue.

**Q. Hideki is kind enough to join us after his round along with Bob Turner, part of Team Hideki. What were your strengths today?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** The key to my round today was really putting. Hit a lot of good putts.

**Q. You made 106 feet of putts, just 26 putts in your round. You've been working so hard on your putting over the last few years. How much does this day do for your confidence?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** I have worked hard on my putting the last couple months. Little by little it's been improving, but nothing like today. It was great to be able to have a day like today. Hopefully I can keep it going.