

**ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES**  
**22 October 2023**

**KENSEI HIRATA**



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**Q. What did this week's performance mean to you?**

**KENSEI HIRATA:** This was really something that I didn't expect to happen this week.

**Q. What worked well for you this week that helped you to finish with a good result?**

**KENSEI HIRATA:** I tried to make as many opportunities as I can this week, and I think my putting really helped that as well. I felt like my shots got better by the day, so I'm really happy about that.

**Q. What did you make of the opportunity to play in the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, a PGA TOUR event against some of the best players in the world?**

**KENSEI HIRATA:** So playing here in Japan this week against some of the best PGA players, I really learned a lot from this actually, like how they play. I realize it's not just about distance. I learned a lot about their short game and putting, and I felt there's a lot of things that I still need to work on.

**Q. The top-10 here gets you into the next PGA TOUR event in Mexico in two weeks' time. Do you think you'll take the opportunity to go and play there?**

**KENSEI HIRATA:** Currently, I am thinking about participating in the next event.

**Q. Is it safe to assume that your goal is to play on the PGA TOUR one day?**

**KENSEI HIRATA:** Yes, for sure.

**Q. And why?**

**KENSEI HIRATA:** I've watched the PGA since I was a little kid, and obviously the PGA is the best in the world. Players such as Tiger Woods and other players are people that I've looked up to since I was little, so I think that's why I want to play in that same league.