

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: HIDEKI MATSUYAMA**  
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**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Front nine I didn't play real well, but back nine I started making some putts and I'm happy with the round.

**Q. What went so well on the back nine, a string of birdies with a couple eagles there?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** (No audible reply.)

**Q. Why do you think the course and how was the wind playing?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** The wind wasn't as strong as it was yesterday so the course did play a little bit easier today. Last week in Australia at the World Cup the wind blew hard, too, and so maybe I'm just getting used to it.

**Q. Can you talk about this week caddie, please?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** My caddie this week is a regular caddie on the Japan Tour and also she is manager and caddie for Hiroshi Iwata here on the PGA Tour. She was available this week and so I hired her for the Hero Challenge.

**Q. Hideki, you're right up there playing against the best. Do you think there is something specific you need to do to try and win a major?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** I have a lot to work on in order to win a major, but number one is probably putting. All I can do now is just work on my stroke and hopefully that will see me through.

**Q. Are you missing your good friend Anirban here?**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA:** Yeah, he's a really, really good friend and we miss him.