

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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HIDEKI MATSUYAMA (-12)

Q. Just some comments about your round, 66 on the South course. You must be pretty happy at the end of the day.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Very happy to shoot 66 on the South course. Two chip-ins really helped out today, but I hit the ball well. Also had 23 putts, so that helped.

Q. There was that stretch there where you went I think birdie, par, eagle. Can you just talk about the eagle?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yeah, birdie, par, eagle. The eagle at 6, hit a great drive down the right side, I think about a 4-iron in just short of the green, chipped it up and knocked it in for an eagle there. Made a good par at 7 and hit it about three feet at 8. I missed a three-footer at 9 for a birdie, but we'll take 66 any time.

Q. So it looks like you're pretty relaxed, good attitude this time of the year. Sensing that you're pretty comfortable right now?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yes, it was a disappointing year last year in that it didn't include any victories, and so over the offseason, I've worked hard, trained hard. I was looking forward to starting the new season or the new year at Sony. Made the cut there that I don't usually do, which was good to play all four rounds. Got here to San Diego on Sunday and did some work. Glad to see it's paying off.

Q. Can you just comment on the incident at 16 where the ball buried in the face of the bunker?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yeah, hit it left into the left greenside bunker there and we got up there and I didn't know if it went over the bunker, but the marshal said no, it landed in the bunker. So all of us started looking and we were looking under the face and the lip.

Finally, Si Woo's caddie, Bobby, said, "I think it's right there," because he had that same experience I think a couple years ago with another player that knocked the ball into that same bunker. It was completely covered.

So we called an official. He said I can search for it with my finger. Just kind of wiped the sand away and sure enough, there it was. Blasted it out, made a good bogey there to keep the round going.