

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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HIDEKI MATSUYAMA

MODERATOR: Hideki Matsuyama, 2025 Hero World Challenge champion, second time winning this tournament, 64 today, and we're joined by Justin Suzuki, your interpreter.

What are you most proud of with your 64 today?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: A lot of luck with No. 10 eagle, and also the partner with Alex, he played well like last four, five hole, so it was good mood playing together.

MODERATOR: And I was going to ask you about 10. To do that in a final round, to hole out for eagle, how special is that?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: No. 10, to win we need a birdie. Before he hits the second shot, Alex hits really good shot and I was able to -- yeah, I got the great imagination from Alex and able to hit a great shot.

MODERATOR: You said earlier this week you weren't maybe pleased with this season. You obviously won Sentry but haven't played as well since. How does this win change your outlook on 2025?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: It was very tough season for me. Swing coach in Japan, every night talking and I just did things and able to play great.

MODERATOR: Any questions?

Q. Congratulations.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Thank you.

Q. I wanted to ask you about everyone talks about the shot on the 10th but the second shot in playoff, that was an amazing shot as well. Can you just tell us what you hit and what were you thinking about before that shot? 18, playoff hole.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: It was 166, hit 9-iron.

Q. And what was he thinking before that shot and maybe how important was it?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: So couldn't make birdie putt on 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. So (inaudible) we decided go right at it.



Q. Is that what he's saying? He was not able to make putts, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18? You were not able to make the putts, that's why you wanted to hit it close?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yes.

Q. And the other thing I wanted to ask you, what is it about Tiger's tournament that you love to win so much? Can you tell us, you won three now, and also can you tell us what does Tiger mean to you?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: So Tiger is my idol. A couple years ago in L.A., couldn't take picture, but -- sorry, nine years ago the first time able to take picture with Tiger and I want to take picture with Tiger more. That's why -- that's why I play well on Tiger's event.

Q. One last question from me. Which was the best shot of the tournament for you? Was it the 10th or the playoff hole or any other shot?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Second shot on playoff.

Q. Hideki, you played the front nine without a bogey this week. Was there anything about your starts to each round that helped you?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I don't know why, but bogey free.

Q. 2018 was the last time you came here. 2018 was the last time you came here and now you come back and won. Are you going to be here next year?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yes, trying to play well next season and get the invitation.

Q. I'm sure you will, you're the defending champion so you're in the field straight away.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I hope so.

Q. Hideki, one last one about L.A. You won in 2024, but with the fires you weren't back this year to defend at Riviera. How much are you looking forward to be back at Riviera this year?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: It was very sad we couldn't play this year, but very excited to play next year.

Q. What does the celebration look like after the win?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: We have a flight after this. If we're able to make it, maybe we're going to grab some beer tonight.



MODERATOR: Last one, Hideki. How would you compare yourself as a player when you won here in 2016 to now?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Nine years ago I was more younger, play aggressive.

(Discussion between Hideki and interpreter.)

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I have more confidence since like nine years now.

MODERATOR: More mature, gotcha.

Q. What do you enjoy more than winning golf tournaments? Is there something else that you really enjoy as much as winning golf tournaments?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: No, nothing.

MODERATOR: Perfect. **Hideki, congratulations.**

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Thank you.

