Q. Hideki Matsuyama, 1-under 69 today. Hideki, how was your round?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I played well today. I hit the ball better and left a couple of putts that I should have made, though, out there and have to work on that.

Q. How much harder was today than yesterday?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: The Winged Foot bore its teeth today. The greens were especially difficult. I don't know if it was the pins or what, playing in the afternoon, but it was a lot tougher today than it was yesterday.

Q. Can you take us through your birdie on the 1st hole?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: It was one of those birdies that don't happen very often. Again, I wasn't putting it very well, and I could have putted it, but I thought, well, we'll just use the backstop, and it rolled in.

Q. Did you think that the wind affected your putting at all today?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yeah, the wind dried the greens out. So they were not only just dried out, but they were getting a lot faster and tougher to putt, and it was a challenge today.

Q. What's important for tomorrow's round?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: U.S. Open golf, got to hit fairways and greens, fairways and greens.

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