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Highland Meadows Golf Club

Nasa Hataoka

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Nasa Hataoka. 5-under round today, 66. You're in contention again here at the Dana Open as the defending champion. Walk me through that back nine, which is the front nine today. 29; what a round.

NASA HATAOKA: To be honest, not my best condition, but playing on this very narrow course I think I was able to play -- my management was good today, so I think that really helped my game today.

Q. You didn't play your best today?

NASA HATAOKA: No.

Q. What would constitute your best? I know it was a slower start on the back nine, but that front nine was pretty solid.

NASA HATAOKA: Shot-wise on this course I think you really need to hit a fade ball. Feel like I wasn't able to do that today.

But, yeah, can't complain.

Q. What adjustments will you make heading into tomorrow to hit that fade?

NASA HATAOKA: Yes, feeling much better than yesterday, so just focus on what I'm doing right now with my practice swing, yeah, and keep on doing that.

Q. You said this in your pre-tournament press conference, but fall just seems to be your season. You seem to really like fall golf and playing later in the year. A lot of players are tired at this point in the schedule. How have you maintained your energy, even winning in LA earlier in the season?

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, it's my favorite season. It's pretty warm out here. Especially today; it was pretty hot. I think that actually helps me. Makes my body move a little more



easier.

So, yeah. I'm happy.

Q. And then to tomorrow, what's the mindset? Obviously been in contention here before. Will be again on Saturday and Sunday.

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, feel good with how I'm in contention right now with this condition. You know, just try to grind my game and hopefully do I the same tomorrow.

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