

# CME Group Tour Championship

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Tiburón Golf Club

## Nasa Hataoka

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Nasa Hataoka after a really solid 8-under 64. Shot a 29 on the back nine. What was working so well for you? Were you just making some putts today?**

NASA HATAOKA: Yes, I was feeling really well from the beginning, and I was stroking it really well, putting really well.

So I had pretty much confidence in myself today.

**Q. When you start to go low, when you start to make a lot of birdies in a row, how do you keep yourself focused on making the next birdie, keep the pedal down and keep going?**

NASA HATAOKA: So I was playing really well because I feel like I was able to manage really well especially where to drop the ball, how to stroke the ball.

You know, so I think my overall image of the game was pretty good today.

**Q. It was really windy out there today. Are you a player that typically likes to play in the wind, or is it a little bit more of an adjustment for your game?**

NASA HATAOKA: To be honest, I'm more of a person who likes rain. But today I was pretty confident in myself, so I was able to play good.

**Q. What was the challenge to stay patient until the back nine for those putts to start dropping for you?**

NASA HATAOKA: The first nine I wasn't really stroking my putt really well, but I was patient with that. I was more focused with my routine this week, which kind of helped my game today, this week.

So I think that really helped my game today.

**Q. Since your win in Arkansas your results haven't been particularly consistent. Was there anything in**



**your game you worked on ahead of this week that's put you in contention going into Sunday?**

NASA HATAOKA: To be honest, I wasn't playing pretty constantly all year, but, you know, I thought the image of my golf is something very important for me, so that's one thing I worked on after Arkansas.

**Q. What do you mean by image of your golf?**

NASA HATAOKA: So I been using a lot of TrackMan and see my stats, my numbers. My numbers were really good but I just didn't have a good feeling with my game.

But today it kind of went really well.

**Q. Final question from me: Heading into Sunday you put yourself in a really good position to capture the \$1.5 million and the CME Globe. What's the mindset after such a low round? How do you follow that up with so much on the line tomorrow?**

NASA HATAOKA: After shooting a good round there is a lot of things, things in my mind, but I try not to think too much on my game.

I do have a goal for this week, so just play consistently, do the best I can tomorrow.

**Q. You're still using the U.S. Women's Open ball marker. Would a win tomorrow feel like redemption from that playoff loss?**

NASA HATAOKA: I wasn't really thinking about that, but maybe if I win tomorrow I'll keep using that pin.

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