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Clifton, New Jersey, USA

Upper Montclair Country Club

Nasa Hataoka

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Nasa Hataoka. Solid round today; four birdies, two bogeys on the card. Got kind of wet out there. How were you feeling about that effort?

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, I was really dialed in in my putting today.

Q. What did you find with your putting today specifically?

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, I was just being more aware of my posture and ball positioning.

Q. Does your posture get kind of loose with your putting sometimes?

NASA HATAOKA: Sometimes too bent at the -- (indiscernible).

Q. How much different does that golf course play today with it being so wet out there?

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, obviously with the wet conditions and the wind coming from different angles it toughened up the course a lot.

Q. Were you able to avoid the rough? I know when the rough gets wet it kind of gets a little grabby with your golf club.

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, with obviously the wet conditions it makes the rough a lot harder to hit out of. I was able to keep a lot of my shots in the fairway and put able to up a good score.

Q. There is a lot of golf left to play, but you're a player that we know can go low on a Sunday. Do you think six, five, four back is going to be too far back, or not?

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, I think it's doable, so I'm just going to give it my best tomorrow.

Q. Just finally, I know some of these greens have a



little bit of undulation in them, a little bit of slope kind of going around. Will you try to attack this golf course a little bit more?

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, there is a lot of tough pins out there today, especially No. 17. Tough spot.

So coming into tomorrow I think I'm just going to go after every one I see.

Q. Par-5s, will you change your strategy at all there?

NASA HATAOKA: Par-5 I almost reach it on 9 today.

Yeah, I almost reached it on No. 2 today and just going to keep trying to go for it tomorrow as well.

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