

# PGA Championship

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Oak Hill Country Club

## Higa Kazuki

### Quick Quotes

**Q. You were 4-under through five holes. What were you feeling at that point?**

HIGA KAZUKI: I think I had a good rhythm on the fourth hole that I was able to birdie. My putt was -- I felt good with my putting, too. So I felt like that went well throughout the four holes.

**Q. When you came here and it was delayed with the frost in the morning, did you envision a start like that?**

HIGA KAZUKI: When it got delayed, I thought I was going to play in very cold weather. I felt a little lucky that I was able to be able to play a little bit high temperature than I predicted.

I had three clothes on, but I was able to play with two clothes on, so that felt better.

**Q. At any point after those five holes, did you look at the leaderboard and see your name at the top, and what did you think at that point?**

HIGA KAZUKI: Last year I was playing well at the Japanese Tour, and I was able to play like this at the Japanese Tour, so I was very happy that I was able to play the same on this tough course. Yes, I very enjoyed playing today.

**Q. Have you been in a position like this at a major before?**

HIGA KAZUKI: At the majors I think this is the best start I was able to play. Last year at the Open, the Masters, I wasn't able it on play that well, but today, yes, I felt very good and confident.

**Q. Did the Masters invite and that experience back in April prepare you well for today and this week?**

HIGA KAZUKI: At the Masters, I had a lot of things in my mind, but I think the one thing that I could say is that Matsuyama, Hideki, he has taught me a lot of things during



the rounds, the practice rounds. I think that is a very important experience for me to be able to be at this ground.

**Q. What has Hideki taught you or shown you for these kind of bigger tournaments? What was his best piece of advice?**

HIGA KAZUKI: It's like he has taught a lot, so I don't know how to pick one. I think the most inspiring thing was to be able to practice and play with him and be able to talk about what is this PGA TOUR is all about.