

Sony Open in Hawaii

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Waialae Country Club

Hideki Matsuyama

Quick Quotes



Q. What was successful today?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Probably putting was strong point today. Even my missed putts found the hole.

Q. How did that happen?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I was lucky today.

Q. I wanted to ask you about the 15th hole, where you were and where the tree was. What club you hit and what kind of shot?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: You know, I was worried about the tree and I had an 8-iron in my hand and Shota said, Hey, it'll clear the tree, no worries, and so I just trusted him and hit the shot.

Q. Do you hit less club off the tee to stay back in case you need to go over?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yeah, exactly that. Just keep it short if that tree is going to get in the way.

Q. You putted so much better this year than at any point in the past. Anything different about the course or anything you think you figured out?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: That's a good question but I don't have an answer for it.

Q. Early on you were wincing a little bit. Were you hurt or just didn't like how you were getting through the ball?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: No, nothing major. You know, I felt a pull here and there, but nothing serious.

Q. How do you feel about the crowd support and the gallery following you out here?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: It does, whenever there is a big crowd like this it just gives you some extra motivation, and

just kind of rode with all their cheers and hopefully tomorrow will be another good day.

Q. What's the difference between what you hear from the gallery in Japanese and in English?

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: You know, they are different, you're exactly right. The cheers are different, but I enjoy both of them.

It really helps out.

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