

# WM Phoenix Open

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## Hideki Matsuyama

### Quick Quotes



**Q. It feels like you play here every year well. What about this place maybe suits your game better than other stops on TOUR?**

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I love playing here. The energy that's out there, so many fans cheering you on. You hit a bad shot, they'll boo you and there is some pressure, but I love it.

**Q. So do you enjoy that type of atmosphere on a golf course? And what about it do you enjoy?**

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I really like and I'm grateful for how many fans come out and watch us play golf. It's a great golf course. You have to play well here, strike the ball well to play well, and the crowd gets me geared up for that.

**Q. When those fans do boo you, how do you reset not just moving on to the next hole, but making sure it doesn't effect what you're doing in the moment?**

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Yeah, you know, if they boo, probably hit a bad shot. I really don't hear it. Except at 16.

You just have to regroup after every shot. One shot at a time.

**Q. Is there a certain ritual that you do not just going into 16, but as you're leaving 16 and having processed everything that you had just listened to?**

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I mean, it's always exciting to finish 15, take a couple deep breaths, and, boy, you feel it when you walk through that tunnel out onto the 16 tee.

Then when I hole-out there at 16 it's kind of a relief, oh, I did it.

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