

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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KENSEI HIRATA (-13)



Q. We're here with Kensei Hirata and his caddie/translator Ryo. Thanks for joining us guys. Kensei, 64 today, low round of the season. Can you give us a description of that round and how special it was?

KENSEI HIRATA: Just felt the best before he started and then that just got to the result straight and then happy with that, yeah.

Q. Is there something about this golf course that you feel really suits your game?

KENSEI HIRATA: It's not a long course, first of all, and then you've got to hit it to tight spots to the green and I think that suits his game, my game.

Q. You played the Korn Ferry Tour last year and advanced to the PGA Tour, now as a PGA Tour rookie. What did you learn on the Korn Ferry Tour that you can use this year or have been using this year?

KENSEI HIRATA: I had a really good season on Korn Ferry last year, but then I've been struggling a little bit this year on PGA Tour. Just overall the amount of experience, different countries and different conditions that's going to improve my game.

Q. You've won six times I think on Japan Tour and you're only, what, 25? That's a lot of wins in a short period of time. How will that benefit you going into this weekend looking for your first PGA Tour victory?

KENSEI HIRATA: This is the first time in contention in a while, so I think I'll feel a lot of emotions on the weekend, but I think those past six wins will help this weekend.

Q. During your round today, was there a highlight or maybe a moment in the round that you kept the momentum going for the round to be good?

KENSEI HIRATA: I think No. 13, hole 13, the tee shot. Made a birdie on that par 3, was a huge birdie for me and kept me going.

Q. That's a good one. It's going to be very windy on the weekend, the forecast is for more wind. Have you played a lot in the wind and do you think your game suits playing in the wind?

KENSEI HIRATA: I think I would say I haven't experienced that much wind in many tournaments, but last year in Bahamas it was a strong wind and then played really good. But



the conditions will stay the same for everybody else, so I think I will just stay focused on my game and then hopefully will have a good weekend.

Q. And finally, is this your first trip to Bermuda and what are your impressions of being here on the island, in the country, on the golf course?

KENSEI HIRATA: Yeah, the views are great here, and then seeing the ocean on the back nine. I really love the sunsets here, it's really beautiful.

