

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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MAX HOMA (-7)

Q. Max, really good round of golf. I'm a southern California guy. This was my golf course that I came to for the very first time as a junior. What's it mean to play this well at Riviera to you?

MAX HOMA: Yeah, means a lot. This place has always held a very special place in my heart. I think this is kind of where I also started to fall in love with golf, not getting to play it, because I watched the tournament. So to come out here to shoot six under on this golf course, I know how hard it is and it means a lot to me. So it was a really fun day.

Q. It really is a golf course that you need to know, right? You don't just walk out here and figure it out, it's a body of work to figure Riviera out.

MAX HOMA: Yeah, I think it's the best golf course I've ever played. Architecturally, there's really no out of bounds, there's no hazards, you just need to hit the ball well. It does help to kind of know where to leave the ball for certain pins, although I feel like I learned even something today about where not to be. But yeah, it's just a fantastic golf course. You've got to hit the ball well, you've really got to make sure you mis-hit in the right spots, and then obviously putting out here is usually difficult on poa annua.

Q. Sleeping in your own bed, getting to play here tomorrow. Your thoughts going into tomorrow, getting to sleep in your own bed and having a home game?

MAX HOMA: Definitely not sleeping in my own bed. I moved to Scottsdale. My mom lives here, but even for her it could be a two-hour drive if the traffic's bad. But it is nice to be here, it feels very comfortable. The grass is the same as I grew up on, the greens are the same as I grew up on, a lot of my friends and family are here, so it really does feel like a home game and I'm just very appreciative of everyone that's come out and supported me this week.

Q. Just talk about that dream start and just the difficulty today of the golf course compared to the first couple days?

MAX HOMA: Yeah, I actually thought the golf course played a little easier, especially the flow of the round was quicker. We were first off. I didn't think that the greens got too much firmer and I thought the pins were maybe a little easier, but obviously it's never very easy out here. Dream start, you always just want to be 1 under through two if you can, and to be 3 under through two is kind of a mini blackout, so that was a very nice start for me.