

MAX HOMA (-6)

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**Q. How would you rate your Thursday afternoon here?**

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, I played great. The course is in awesome shape and the weather wasn't too difficult, the wind never really got too high. I hit it well, I drove it great, finally found a little something with the putter, so overall I have no complaints.

**Q. A little bit of a struggle for you coming back since the resumption of play last month. What maybe clicked here in this first round or the lead-up to be able to put up a good one?**

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, it's been interesting, I haven't been playing that bad. I haven't missed a cut by more than 2, but missed three by 1. I have not been putting it well. Been working with Derek Uyeda and he helped three, four weeks ago. It's a bit of a process and I feel like I'm getting closer every day, so finally making a few today helped a lot.

Honestly, I made a putt on 9 for par that just felt like, you know, kind of a little bit of the monkey off the back, finally getting out of jail, so I don't know if it clicked. I've been working on -- my attitude was horrible last week, I feel like I've been over-frustrated with missing a lot of cuts by 1. So talked to my buddy DJ Piehowski and he gave me some information on how to focus on the good things of the day, not so much the bad. So I think that was a big part of it.

I had more fun out there. I love playing with Matt Wolff, he's great. We just kind of vibed off each other and it was just a fun day of golf.

**Q. How do you keep it going tomorrow morning?**

**MAX HOMA:** Keep doing the same stuff. It's easy to get caught up in missing cuts and not playing great, but I truly have been playing all right. When you're not putting well, everything feels harder and you put too much pressure on the ball-striking and the short game, but my ball-striking and short game have been pretty good coming back.

Little things here and there, but more of my mistakes have been mental and frustration based, less physical. So I'll just keep doing what I'm doing. I feel great about my game and I have for honestly like six months, so it's nice to finally see a number get put up that equates to how I feel about it.

Yeah, just keep doing it. Looking forward to getting to go out again in the morning. it's always nice when you have an afternoon to play well because you get to get right back to it.

**Q. I enjoyed watching you play. You had to be very pleased. Looked like you were swinging free and easy and looked like a relatively easy day?**

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, I'm glad was fun to watch because it was fun to do. Yeah, swung it really well. Again, I have been for a while. The driver has been the only thing that's been -- the numbers have been pretty good, but it hasn't felt comfortable. Today it felt comfortable, felt like I knew what I was doing off the tee.

I love this golf course, I think it fits me really well. My caddie Joe did an unreal job, especially on the last hole. Could have got aggressive, decided to lay up and ended up having an eight-footer for birdie. Everything clicked. Nothing felt too special, but nothing felt off at all. It's fun, it's fun when golf feels like that. Again, it has been for a little bit, it has felt like that, it just hasn't felt like the ball's wanted to go in, so it went in a little bit today.

**Q. And a quick turnaround, so obviously if you're playing well, you're anxious to get back out tomorrow?**

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, it's my favorite type of thing When you have your afternoon tee time and then a morning tee time if you play well in the afternoon time. So I've done that part. Yeah, it's kind of best case scenario, get to go back, get to bed quick and get rolling right again in the morning. So looking forward to that. Like I said, the golf course is in perfect shape, so it will be fun to play it in the morning. Even today the greens were perfect in the afternoon, so it's a good setup and it will be a good week.