



MAX HOMA ( -12)

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**Q. Max, bounce-back day for you after the 72 to come back with a 64. How does it feel?**

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, it feels good. Yesterday I felt like just played tough, didn't do a lot great, but didn't do a lot too bad, so I was optimistic coming into today. Obviously needed a low one. I needed the wind to blow and it did, so I kind of did my job. It was a great day. One bogey out here felt good and kind of a lot of birdies. Birdieing the last hole felt really good, honestly, just to kind of go into tomorrow with some momentum.

**Q. We talked Thursday and you said your game was really close, you really felt it. After today, did you take another step forward?**

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, kind of. I mean, I guess it's been, I don't know, four or so months since I've been in any kind of heat other than the cut heat, so it was kind of nice to just keep doing what I was doing at the beginning of the season or the beginning of the year.

So I don't know if I made a big jump. I know where my game is typically all the time and I've known it's been really good. Just, like I said a couple days ago, the putts weren't going in and it made me feel kind of anxious at all times that you just can't really a mistake. Finally get to feel like I free up the swing and I'm hitting it even better than I was before, I guess. Then making some putts on top always helps. So I don't think I made a big jump, but it's nice to get back into kind of contention, not really, but feel some heat on the back nine and still keep executing the way I did, like I said, in January, February, or March.

**Q. So you're 12 under, you go 64 again tomorrow and get in at 19 under, is that going to be enough to win this thing?**

**MAX HOMA:** I've got no idea, but if I knew, I would tell you. I have no idea, but I'm going to try. I've really done a great job of sticking to my process this week, not really worrying what I'm at or what I'm shooting. Again, that's why I felt pretty good after yesterday, because I didn't put too much stock in the score. I knew I played pretty well, it just wasn't great. So I'm going to go out and try to play great tomorrow and yeah, try to chase down whoever's leading.

**Q. Great round. What was going so well for you?**

**MAX HOMA:** Thank you. Everything was pretty good. I drove it okay. I've driven it better, but my irons were really good, my wedges were great, flighting ones into the wind to the back pins felt good. I made a lot of putts. Feel like I've been overdue for a few months, so

felt good to fill it up.

**Q. What changed after yesterday's round?**

**MAX HOMA:** Not much. honestly, I thought I played okay yesterday, just wasn't great. If I don't hit the ball on the water on 7 near the end of my round, I shoot 1 under, which would have been a fine round in the wind yesterday. I didn't put too much stock in the score, I knew I was swinging it well, just didn't hit a lot close yesterday. The pins maybe just didn't fit my eye. I was in between clubs a lot yesterday and that happens out here. Like I said, one bad swing away from putting up a red number.

So came out today with a lot of optimism. I know my game feels very, very good, it has for a couple weeks despite some of the scores, but now that I'm making a few putts, it feels quite a bit easier.

**Q. When there's a lot of birdies out there on a course like this, how much does that allow you to sort of hit more towards flags?**

**MAX HOMA:** A little bit. I mean, there's more birdies because you probably have short clubs in so you can, you tend to hit closer to the pin, so I guess it's kind of twofold. The greens are soft, which I guess is the reason you're not too scared of short-siding yourself as opposed to last week at Muirfield, if you short-sided yourself, you pretty much were going to have 20 feet for par. So you feel like you can take on a little more in your iron game. I would say it helps a lot to be in the fairway. I think I've hit quite a few fairways, especially Thursday and today, which helps, and I typically am a pretty good iron player, short iron player. So feel freed up more so I think just because the penalty's a little bit lower here as opposed to, like I said, last week, which was more like a U.S. Open where you can't really ever miss.

**Q. How do you feel about where you're placed on the leaderboard right now?**

**MAX HOMA:** I'm not exactly sure where I am, but feel like it's got to be pretty decent. Yeah, when you're as far back as I was to start the third round, just having to do your best to make as many birdies as you can and inch forward, if that means picking up one stroke on the leader, if it means picking up two, that's all you can do. So I felt that I did that. Obviously went pretty low. That's kind of the hole I dug myself yesterday, but giving myself a chance tomorrow to fire another low one and maybe chase somebody down, that's all you can ask for.

**Q. And how are your Twitter followers going to handle this round?**

**MAX HOMA:** I couldn't tell you, I don't go on it anymore. Yeah, hopefully -- I couldn't really care.