

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**MAX HOMA (-2)**



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**Q. Max, rollercoaster round. If we can get some comments on your play today.**

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, I didn't feel super -- I only had two over par, two or three over-par holes, I guess. It didn't feel like that crazy, just one bad swing that led to a double and then a bad wedge shot that was quite frustrating. But other than that, I actually felt like I kept it in front of me pretty good. Didn't do anything special to get going anywhere, but overall it was solid. I don't think anything stuck out as overly bad or overly great. It was a decent day.

**Q. You hit the ball pretty well, as you said, and you hit the ball pretty far. There was one hole where Cam was way past you and Joel. Cam is Cam, right? Is that sort of unnerving a little bit when you see a guy like that? I'm guessing you've played with him before.**

**MAX HOMA:** It was just cool. It's amazing what he can do to a golf ball. The speed he hits it and how easy and graceful he makes it look is pretty -- I've never seen anything like it. I've seen people hit it far, but not quite the way he does it. It's pretty special to get to watch.

If you're ever at a golf tournament, you need to see him hit a few balls especially on the course because if you just watched it off the practice tee, you wouldn't realize how far it's going, and then you get up there and you can see how far by everyone he is. It's amazing.

**Q. How does it feel to finish on such a high note last year and on 18 with all the drama, the chip and everything, and then getting back in the first round? How did it feel?**

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, it's good. Obviously it feels like forever ago that it happened. Sometimes when you get here you start to reminisce a little bit and think about everything that happened. It's crazy what a difference a year makes. It's just old news in my head and everyone's head now, which is good. Get back to work. It's funny, I keep those memories in such a nice place in my brain, but at the end of the day, still got to come out here and try to do your best to put yourself in a position to win again. Yeah, so it's just, it's unfortunate that you can only enjoy it for so long, then you've got to get back to work.

**Q. Is that chip-in on 4, did that refresh memory, kind of here you go again?**

**MAX HOMA:** I wish, although that was a really nice bonus chipping in on that hole. It's always nice when you kind of feel like you hit a good chip and it seems to track its way into the hole.