

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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MAX HOMA (-8)



Q. You looked like a man possessed out of the gate today. You were club twirling on 1, you had an air of confidence to you today. I know it wasn't as easy as it looked, but it felt like you were in a really good zone and a really good head space today out there.

MAX HOMA: Yeah, it's a hard golf course. It was windy early. It calmed down a bit at the end, or in the middle and got it back up at the end. I don't know, I was in Alabama last week with my coach, Mark Blackburn. We put in a lot of good work. Game's been good and we were just talking most about mental, just being confident. He said, when are you going to start to believe in yourself? I said, well, I guess maybe today. So I've just been trying to walk around and fake it a little bit. Honestly, it's funny how that fake it till you make it thing, I started to believe it and I showed up on that first tee very confident today.

Q. And you stuffed it in there on 1, that was kind of a tone setter. To you, what's the pivotal moment of the day, because you make the birdie at 9, you make the birdie at 10, but to roll in that putt on 11 I thought was key today.

MAX HOMA: Eleven was big. I thought the key honestly was 15, that might be one of the best birdies I've ever made in my life. Hit a great drive, hit a finally kind of -- I was saying before, when you're trailing, it's a little easier, you feel free. When you're ahead, you start to get a little defensive just with your lines. I felt like I kept squeezing my lines too far right or left instead of just hitting a shot. I had a club that I love, a little 2-yard draw 9-iron and I'm like, let's just take this one on and hit the shot and be me, and I did and I poured in the putt. That one to me, even though I bogeyed the next and it got closer than I wanted it to, that just felt like a big turning point because I finally felt confidence, like just trust yourself, be who you are as a golfer.

Q. They say every win adds a little something to the knowledge base. What do you take away from this week? What did you learn about yourself as a golfer?

MAX HOMA: This week felt very one shot at a time. With the weather, how difficult the golf course was, it just felt like just play golf. You're going to make bogeys, you're going to make doubles, you're going to mess up. This week more so than others where it's maybe been a little cleaner on Sunday, this one was just hit it, find it, hit it again.