

MAX HOMA  
KEVIN KISNER ( -14)

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**Q. Gentlemen, off to a solid start today. What was the secret sauce for you guys out there?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** I just rode Max like a stallion all day long and whenever he felt like I needed to participate, he let me know and I tried to throw my two cents in.

**MAX HOMA:** Yeah, no, we just had fun. Obviously we have a lot of good team chemistry. We made some great putts. Kev made two really good putts on 7 and 8 after I had missed and I helped a lot. Because we saw the scores, being in -- starting last here's tough because all the scores make you feel like you're playing terrible. So it was nice, I just felt like we picked each other up and played solid and obviously had a really good finish coming in.

**Q. That's a good point. Like you see the scoreboards out there playing last and you see those good scores go up. Is there additional pressure when you see that like to try and keep up?**

**MAX HOMA:** Wouldn't say there's tons of pressure this week, especially in a scramble, but yeah, it was weird coming around one of the holes and Charley and Ryan I think were 15 or 16 under and we were like 8 or 9, so I felt like we were getting lapped, but pressure's probably not the word I'd use.

**KEVIN KISNER:** We were in last place all day every board we went to until the end, now we're in second.

**MAX HOMA:** We were comfy.

**KEVIN KISNER:** Comfy.

**Q. Like you say, I know it's an easier environment to play in, but when you're looking at the leaderboards like that, does it maybe make you think, oh, we have to play maybe even a little more aggressive?**

**MAX HOMA:** Probably not more aggressive, but like we hit it -- I hit it by the green on the drivable hole and then Kev hit one on the green of the par 5 for eagles and it did feel a little bit like we needed to make one of them.

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah.

**MAX HOMA:** I don't know, you don't really separate in this format. Tomorrow's the hard day, tomorrow and the next day.

**Q. What did you learn last year and maybe -- you guys got to know each other a little bit better since that time. What did you learn from last year that you can maybe take it into tomorrow since, like you said, it's probably the most difficult format?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** I need to drive it really well because he's an unbelievable iron player and has like super control of his iron shots. So if I can get it in the fairway and let him do his work, then I can hit the putts. But that's always the game plan and it just doesn't work out that way, so we've prepared for all situations.

**MAX HOMA:** I feel like if we just have two balls in the fairway and can make a decision on which one we want to use, I think that's a big help instead of us being forced into, you know, this is the only option we've got so we've got to go with this. We'll play great tomorrow and be able to just have fun making those decisions.

**Q. You guys see Denny play a lot obviously out on the PGA TOUR, but might be the first time that you've seen Nelly play for a full round. Can both of you just give us your impressions of her game and what struck you?**

**MAX HOMA:** We talked about it all day.

**KEVIN KISNER:** We talked about it all day. I think I called her the Tiger Woods of the LPGA Tour at one point. And then through about seven or eight holes I said she's hit every shot just like she wants to for eight holes. Like does she hit a bad shot? I have no idea, I've never seen her hit a bad shot. We were laughing all day.

**MAX HOMA:** It was a little bit outrageous.

**KEVIN KISNER:** She drove it down the middle.

**MAX HOMA:** She drove it down the middle on every hole, she almost hit the pin three times, hit it to like two inches on one par 4, then from way too far that next one, she almost hit the pin.

**KEVIN KISNER:** Twenty-footer.

**MAX HOMA:** And chipped it great, so I don't know how she does not win every week. It's a testament to these other ladies that anyone can even sniff beating her because that was wildly impressive.

**KEVIN KISNER:** I asked her out there if she wins every tournament.

**MAX HOMA:** She said no.



**KEVIN KISNER:** She said no. I'm like, I don't believe you.

**MAX HOMA:** Up for debate. She said Lydia gets them all. I think they would have a nice battle.

