

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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MAX HOMA (-7)

Q. Max, 1 under today, but before we get to that, could you just give us a comment on how you felt the mic'd up segment went and how you feel about CBS using that as an initiative moving forward?

MAX HOMA: Yeah, I think it went well. There were a couple bumps, but overall I was pretty happy with it. I hope the fans at home liked it and I hope that we can do something like that, if not the same thing, going forward. That will be up to the people much smarter than me.

I thought it was good. I thought it was good to have insight on the golf course. Obviously it's going to take us as players being a lot more flexible, but this is an entertainment product and that means we should entertain.

Q. How did this come about, when did they ask you, some of the background there?

MAX HOMA: Padz, Andy Padzer texted me, called me maybe like two months ago and he had sent me a clip of Trea Turner being mic'd up for an inning in a random baseball game. It was awesome because the ball comes to him in the middle of them talking, he kind of fumbles it, ends up getting the guy out at first and says, you know, hey, I've been lazy lately, I didn't get my knee down or whatever. I was like, man, I just learned a lot in 15 seconds.

He said we should do something like that. We've been going back and forth because I was trying to give him the player perspective, that we don't love doing 18 holes mic'd up, we imagine that every single word we're saying is being broadcast and it's just not very comfortable.

So kind of came up with this idea with him and the CBS team. They were kind of figuring out the technology, if an AirPod would be a good idea. And who knows if that's how this will finish up, but one hole, two holes at a time isn't so bad.

Like I said, we're entertainers and I'd like for the players to be flexible. If it makes you super uncomfortable, that's all good, but it wasn't so bad, that was the first rendition. Hopefully, like I said, people at home appreciated it and enjoyed it because I just think it's a little different than in an interview. You're learning about a hole, about not just the player but about the tournament and the golf course and what it takes to be playing, you know, high-level competitive golf.

Q. Who would you like to hear be mic'd up?

MAX HOMA: Man, a lot of guys. I don't think J.T. will ever do it, but I think he'd be

phenomenal. I honestly think a lot of guys would be great at it. I think Rahm would be -- it would just be interesting to hear him.

Yeah, I don't know. I don't think -- that's kind of what I see the beauty in this is I don't think there's a wrong guy to use. Even if you don't want to be super outgoing about it, even if we could just hear you talk through the shot with your caddie very clearly, even if you weren't having like a back and forth and you could maybe even, if you did just have one question, just explain what happened on that shot -- hey, I necked it because blank -- and go about your business. I don't think that there's a bad person that would be on that.

Q. And you are tied for fourth right now, five strokes back as it stands. What's the mentality going into tomorrow?

MAX HOMA: Yeah, I think if I play the way I played today and make some putts, I'll be fine. Obviously it's a stacked leaderboard as I saw coming up the last, but I played great today, ball just did not go in too often or too quickly. And yeah, so I'm very happy with my golf game, just need to keep doing exactly what I'm doing and just be patient.

Q. What was the one moment that you were happy about today?

MAX HOMA: That I was happy about?

Q. Yeah.

MAX HOMA: I was really happy just the way I finished. No. 17 I hit a good drive and it just creeps in the bunker, goes under the lip and it just like reburies in one of its pitch marks. I was happy I laid up, hit a good wedge, came up short, hit a great putt, lipped out, stood on the side of the green and just composed myself and said I didn't do a whole lot wrong there, go to the 18th and make two great swings, hit a good bunker shot and hole a birdie putt. So that little kind of moment just for me, stuff I'm working on, that was important.