

ASTARA CHILE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

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MAX GREYSERMAN (-8)

Q. Max, great day clearly out there, big birdie on the last to get to 8 under. Just kind of walk me through your day and how your game's feeling overall.

MAX GREYSERMAN: Pretty easy day. I mean, I just hit the ball well off the tee. Hit some good iron shots, hit some bad iron shots but just mostly kept it in play off the tee and rolled some putts in. I feel like that's key on this course is just off the tee kind of opens up the rest of the course.

Q. Great finish also last week. How's it feel having that in your pocket heading into the week this week?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, I got off to a rough start last week, I shot 2 over the first day when most people were going fairly low. Then I turned it up the last few days and I just kind of keep that momentum going. I saw my coach early last week, so I felt like we were working on the right things. And it just didn't go my way the first day so I didn't feel like I played that bad, but sometimes it happens. I just kept a good attitude, kept playing golf.

Q. Yeah, made five out of six cuts so far this season. So kind of just give me a recap how this season's felt, how your game's felt? I know you had a surgery last year, so this season how's that been feeling?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, I came off wrist surgery last April. I tried to come back at the end of last season, which I definitely shouldn't have done, but it happens. I got bored.

Offseason didn't play much golf, was still bothering me a little bit. Got married in the offseason, went on a lot of trips, just didn't really do too much golf. I feel like just probably having a good attitude and working on the right things, kind of being a little more efficient in practice, just not really putting too much pressure on myself I guess. It's kind of nice, I think I got enough points to get over the medical, but now I've got full status. Just keep playing golf, keep doing the right things, try not to think about the end of the year or anything like that, one round at a time. It's simple, but yeah.

Q. Were there any nerves coming off the medical?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, especially not having really played much last year and this offseason and Exuma being the first event, that's not the most fun week to start off with. But yeah, always a little bit of nerves, always first tee jitters. If you're not nervous you're not



doing it right, so just embrace the nerves. I'm pretty mellow, so chill out and have a good time.

Q. Has there been one part of your game that's kind of stood out to you this season that you've been impressed with or what's just kind of been the thing that's clicking?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Well, I honestly felt I hit it really poorly the first four-week stretch and just putted very well. I feel like that's kind of one of the strong suits of my game. I felt like if I could just kind of get my ball-striking more dialed in, which historically has been fairly good, with my coach, then I feel like I would start playing well and I feel like that's exactly what's been happening this week and last week.

Q. How about the bucket hat, we heard it's brought some good luck?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, I've been starting to play well since I wore the bucket hat, so I'll probably keep it going.

Q. It's here to stay?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, probably.

Q. How's the travel been for you this week? Anything out of the ordinary?

MAX GREYSERMAN: No, I came straight off the course in Savannah Sunday, had a quick lunch, had a bunch of Leopold's ice cream and went straight to the airport pretty much. Went straight to the airport, Savannah, Houston to here Sunday night. I know a lot of people got stuck on Delta. For me the travel is easy and the redeye kind of sucks, but you kind of sleep it off the next night.

Q. Last question, just the course, how do you like it, how's it fitting you? Obviously pretty well, but what's the key?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Honestly, I don't think the course fits me that well. Reminds me a lot of the Canadian Tour or maybe Latin Tour where it's kind of shorter, kind of tighter golf courses, so it puts a premium on fairways and a lot of wedges, which historically I'm more of the bomb-and-gouge type person. But I feel like since my surgery I've lost a lot of speed and I haven't really worked on getting it back, so I guess I'm turning into more of that player.

I just feel like at the end of the day to get to where you want to be on the PGA TOUR, you kind of have to have it on the long courses, the short courses, the wide courses, the narrow courses, I think that's what makes those players so good. I think like Jack Maguire said last week, if I can do it on this course, I can do it on any course kind of type of thing.

Q. Absolutely. How's it feel to, like you said, the key to this course is the iron play and all that and you said that's what you struggle with, so is it kind of cool to see your



game come to this point where that's actually what's keeping you in play, in contention?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, definitely, especially historically with the driver, kind of a loose driver here or there that might cost a penalty shot or might put me in the trees, things like that, that's what I did well today and that's what you just need to do well on this course. Just keep it going.

