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ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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MAX GREYSERMAN (-10)



Q. Great round, one shot off the lead. Just sort of walk us through the highlights today.

MAX GREYSERMAN: Today I had a few highlights.

I chipped in twice, although they were kind of simple chips. That was nice. Chipped in for eagle on No. 5, the par 5 I think that is.

I mean, overall I played pretty steady. Maybe not quite as steady as yesterday, missed a few more greens, but overall just doing the right things, keeping it in play, hitting it well off the tee, around the greens and when I do miss the greens, making up and down. So it's not complicated. When you're hitting it near your targets, you can play, be strategic, play good golf and rack 'em up at the end.

Q. Has the elevation adjustment been tricky for you at all?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Not really. I've played here, I think this is my third time here. I've played in Bogota as well where it's at elevation.

I like doing numbers in my head, it's kind of fun taking 11 percent off, 12 percent off, whatever.

Q. Do you enjoy doing math?

MAX GREYSERMAN: My caddie is struggling a little bit, but I'm picking up the slack this week.

Q. Did you go to school for that?

MAX GREYSERMAN: No.

Q. Just naturally just good with numbers?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah. If I didn't play golf, I would have done something math related probably.



Q. I know we've talked about it a little bit through this year, but where are you at in terms of how the wrist feels? Is it just a non --

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah --

Q. -- thing anymore?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, I mean, I try not to think about it, so thanks for bringing that up. Sometimes I take Aleve and stuff like that. So I took Aleve yesterday and today, but overall it's been pretty good for the most part. Doing my stretches, not thinking about it and just play golf.

Q. But it's to the point where you're kind of past everything?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, yeah, I'm pretty healthy. Got to the point where I had surgery last April and then I didn't quite feel -- even though I came back, in hindsight I shouldn't have come back at the end of last year. Shit happens.

So I came back in August, it was still kind of bothering me and I didn't start feeling good until October or November, so I was kind of worried coming into this season. It's something I've been dealing with for a couple years and I was pretty worried until one day I just woke up and it just didn't -- stopped hurting as much. Yeah, it's been good so far this year. I'm happy to be over that hump and not have to worry about my health.

Q. Did you learn anything about yourself with a lot of time off and coming back and doing all that?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah, I would say so. I mean, I wasn't able to -- I used to practice a lot growing up (indiscernible) my first couple years on Tour and I would say I'm just using my time a little better, not practicing as much because I barely played -- it was even before, before my surgery, before the start of that year I didn't play all offseason pretty much and I just showed up in the Bahamas and I'm like, we've got to work with what we have.

So that mentality, you're not always going to be hitting it well, swing's not always going to be in the right spot, so just kind of showing up and working with what you have and trying to focus on my mental game a little more, which is something I've been focusing a lot lately.

Q. I know there's nine events left after this week, so a long way to go, but you're hovering right around 30. Just thoughts on that race and that playing out?

MAX GREYSERMAN: I mean, yeah, it's always in the back of your mind. Yeah, some guys will say, oh, they're focusing on the present, but it's always in the back of their mind.

I mean, I'm not focusing -- I would say I'm not focusing so much on getting my PGA TOUR card today, tomorrow, the next week. I'm just trying to get better at my game, better with my



mental game and all aspects of my game week to week, month to month and year to year. Hopefully that takes care of itself in the end.

I'm right there this year and I'm doing everything I can to do it this year. Hopefully, if not, next year or whatever. Yeah, it's getting down to crunch time, so got to play well.

Q. How do you wind up at Duke?

MAX GREYSERMAN: My parents wanted me to go to the best school academically and athletically combined. I was a fairly good junior, so I had my pick of schools, fortunately. I almost went to Illinois, kind of one of my top picks because I wanted to play for Coach Small and he has a good program and everything.

But my parents sat me down one day and was like, I have this opportunity to go to a great school. I looked at Ivy League schools as well, so it was just the best combination of athletics and academics on the east coast.

Q. And real quick, going back to the Bahamas, like you said, you didn't play in the offseason, it was almost like a clean slate for you in a way. How would you describe your season starting at that point and then getting to now?

MAX GREYSERMAN: I mean, I played really well early in the season and maybe that was a mental thing, I was fresh or something, I don't know.

Then I was kind of in a lull I would say April, May June. Or maybe May, June I played pretty poorly, missed a couple cuts. Maybe it was almost searching.

I kind of went back to that mentality of just taking it day by day and start meditating and things like that just trying to focus on my mentality going into the rounds. Obviously I worked on my swing and stuff and got things in a good spot. Just trying to play free out there really, just play aggressive almost, not necessarily think of, oh, the pin's left, I've got to aim four yards, five yards left of it. Just being more aggressive to my targets.

Q. It was a little bit more of a self-induced pressure during that time, less about your game and more about --

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah. I mean, coming off the wrist surgery, I don't even know if I was going to play this year. I was -- I mean, in the offseason I kind of went to my brother-in-law's office and I was, I wouldn't call it working, but I was taking a look at a few things.

Quitting was definitely in the back of my mind a little bit. I wouldn't call it quitting, just retiring, because physically it was pretty demanding on me.

Yeah, I mean, it's all going to work out whether I play good golf, bad golf, it's going to work



out on the end. Life's good.

Q. So you're glad you made the decision to come back?

MAX GREYSERMAN: Yeah.

