

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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MAX HOMA (-5)

Q. Opening round of 66. What would you say was the best part of Round 1 for you?

MAX HOMA: It was just really gritty. I'm a bit play rusty. Everything back in Scottsdale's been overseeded and I haven't played like a real round of golf since Japan and I noticed it today. Prep was fine but ironed it terrible. I didn't I guess dwell on it too much. I just used the rest of my game. Just had faith. You know, sometimes you try it remind yourself like baseball, like five to a player, I've always been quite well rounded, so instead of being bummed out, I have to use it, be proud to use it. So I did a good job of that. And when we made the turn, you get three par 5s on the front side, my back, and I just tried to play clean and beat those up. So stuck with my head, I just stayed in it and fought.

Q. What was your decision making in adding this to the schedule for the first time?

MAX HOMA: Yeah, well, mostly it was I'm fighting to be in that 60. At the time -- I have no idea what that number's going to be, but played well in Utah and Japan. I had always planned to play this, just make it three in the fall, play well in the three and get out of here for the season.

So I don't really like to withdraw and like pull out of something. We had planned to do it. I wanted to play one more. We've got a really long offseason this year so it's not a bad trip from Phoenix. It's been hot but the weather's pretty decent. Even the rain yesterday, if it's going to happen on a day, Wednesday's the day. So yeah easy trip, seemed like a fun event, everyone's got high praise about this place. It's cool, the golf course is awesome.

Q. Finally, a lot of kids that grow up in L.A. at some point in their life they take a Spanish class, I certainly did. Do you feel any kinship at all being somewhat on the western side of the world?

MAX HOMA: Kinship's wrong but I do know it well enough to get around. It served me well on Korn Ferry when we used to travel to like South America, I could get myself around there. Although they throw Portuguese at you in Brazil and I don't know that one at all. It makes a bit of a difference just to be able to -- I'm not going to sit here and say I could speak Spanish, but I can get myself to the airport.

