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Oakmont Country Club

## Maxwell Moldovan

### Quick Quotes



#### Q. Tell me about the second shot.

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: I hit a decent tee shot. It was kind of straight into the sun this morning so you couldn't really see anything.

#### Q. Were you trying to drive the green?

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: No, I was just trying to get in the short grass and I missed it just a hair right. When I got up there, I felt pretty lucky because it stayed in the edge of the fairway. It was a pretty good enough for me to hit like a cut 8-iron. I was just trying to hit it to the front middle of the green.

#### Q. What did you have in?

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: I had 191, but we were playing about a 160 shot, trying to land it just short. I missed my line just a couple yards right. I couldn't really see it but I heard people start cheering and then I walked down the hill and I saw it go in and everybody's hands go up.

**Q. That explains because they replayed it on USA, and yeah, it went in and you were -- people are cheering and you're standing there looking in the sun, you couldn't see it, and then you had a delayed reaction. What did that feel like?**

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: It was a cool feeling. You never really draw up your first hole that way. You kind of try to go fairway, green, two-putt and get out of there. But yeah, it was really cool. God is good.

**Q. Is it actually harder to go tee off on 2 because the adrenaline is going like that? What's it like on the second tee after you do that?**

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: It kind of feels like a fresh round starting again. Like I kind of had the same first tee jitters as I did on hole 1, just because I didn't get up there, I didn't hit any putts, I didn't really finish the hole, I kind of just picked my ball up out of the hole and then it was time to go to 2. It was pretty strange.

**Q. On your first putt on 2, you might have been going, I don't know, I haven't putt yet.**

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: Yeah, I had an uphiller thankfully so I didn't have to think too much about the speed.

**Q. Did you hear anybody from the crowd say anything crazy as you walked to the green?**

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: No, just a lot of people cheering, a lot of Go Bucks, O-H. I'm good with all that stuff.

**Q. When did you find out that you were the first to accomplish this feat at Oakmont in an Open?**

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: Just now, my wife just told me.

**Q. After you put your hands up, did you do any more celebrating, or was that it?**

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: I just pointed up to heaven above, thank God, because I only hit the shot, he let it go in.

**Q. Have you ever started a round by holing a shot from the fairway?**

MAXWELL MOLDOVAN: I actually have, Big Ten Championship my freshman year at Crooked Stick I made a wedge. That was a lot easier shot than the one I made on 1 today.

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