

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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BROOKS KOEPKA (-9)



Q. Just looking at your ball-striking numbers this week, seemed like they were off the charts. How good was your ball-striking this week?

BROOKS KOEPKA: It was as good as I've hit it in my pro career. I don't think I've ever driven it as well as I did. My iron play was fantastic, yardage control was great. The greens, I mean, I can't tell you how many lip-outs I've had. I feel like the good putts just weren't falling and then the bad ones were just horrendous. I don't know if it was a little bit of speed, sometimes a little bit of green reading, and then sometimes a little bit of luck. You never know. I feel confident going into next week, which is good. I'd love to be striking the ball well going into a major, that's a big key because you've got to be able to hit fairways, got to be able to hit greens there, and then just tighten up some putting. I don't know what it is, but we'll figure it out.

Q. You told us earlier in the week that you had to figure something out after you came back from the Open Championship, you had a little trouble in Canada. What was it that you figured out in your ball-striking that you fixed so quickly?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, just I was trying to keep the ball down over in Scotland and sometimes you can get a little forward press on it, kind of lean into it or back out of it. I just got adjusted to seeing the ball come out a little low off the face and just really needed to start hitting it high. I had that feeling of trying to hit it high and then the ball flight came back. It feels good, it feels -- I'm controlling the trajectories, controlling the spin, game feels good.

Q. Obviously two-time U.S. Open champion. When you go to these majors, how much more confidence do you have knowing that you've done it and you can see yourself doing it again?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, it's nice. Anytime you win, you're just breeding confidence. I feel like I've had quite a few chances in majors and to only have two, a little bit disappointing. But you've just got to keep going, keep plugging away, doing the right things. You put yourself in contention with nine holes to go, you never know what happens.

Q. PGA Championship seems to be a good setup for you, too. You like how they set up golf courses?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, some of the best majors I've played have been U.S. Opens and PGA Championships. I like the way they set it up. It's somewhat similar to a U.S. Open. The fairways maybe just aren't as tight. Well, that being said, the last two years have been a little bit different U.S. Opens, but I like the way the PGA sets it up. It's very difficult. Usually about 10 under par wins it. It's a battle, for sure.