



BROOKS KOEPKA (-4)

Q. Brooks, real quick to start, birdied the last, good for 4-under 67 today. Just a few overall comments about the round.

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, I thought I played really well. I drove it pretty nicely. Only missed the fairway there maybe three times, you know. Cost me bogey there on 9, but that's because of a poor drive. Putted really well. I felt like I made all the putts -- at least hit good putts but they missed. I'm pretty satisfied with it.

Q. Five birdies and a bogey, you're four back. Is eight what you thought it would take today?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I don't care what anybody else is at, I'm worried about how I play. If I play consistently well over four days, I feel like I would be tough to beat. But you never know, you could run into a buzz saw. Some guy's going to play unbelievable and you just get flat out beat, sometimes that happens. But I'm satisfied where I'm at right now.

Q. Is your caddie more popular than you are this week as far as guys wanting to talk to him?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Why?

Q. To get a little insight into Portrush?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Oh, I don't know. I don't pay attention. Yeah, I guess. I guess trying to figure out a housing situation, so that's really about it, a bunch of the caddies. I'm sure he's got enough on his plate with all of his friends back home.

Q. You said today is the first time you saw the back nine?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah.

Q. What did you think of the course then overall, front and back?

BROOKS KOEPKA: The course is good. Tell you what, for as much rain as they've had, it's held up really nicely.

You know, unfortunately, there's a lot of ball marks and a lot of divots on the golf course, so it looks like it's been played a lot, it's had a lot of traffic over the last couple weeks, months, which is kind of unfortunate.

But, I mean, the golf course, I think it's one of the best we play all year. I think I really like it. It's a place I want to come back to. I enjoy the layout and the setup of this place.

Q. Talk about the shoes.

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, shoes. So I had the idea. I was like, back home I called Nike and I said, hey, I come across these shoes last time we were at the Ryder Cup, they made them for us at Hazeltine and I figured this is a pretty good place to break it out since we're not too far. I told Hollis this morning. I had forgotten all about it, to mention it to him. I was like, I want to wear these and see if they can auction them off towards a charity of 3M's choice and then match it, so hopefully they can raise that price and donate a bunch of money.

Q. Are you giving them to Hollis today?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah. I'm literally going to take them off right when I'm done here, go have the locker room guys clean them up and go sign them, and hopefully they'll go to a good spot.

Q. Did he say how long the auction was going to be, like a couple days?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I don't know. As far as I know, I'm not sure, maybe this whole weekend. Don't quote me on that. I just figured it would be cool, there's a lot of history behind these shoes. I've had them sitting in my garage for a while and I was going to use them for my charity and I figured if you're going to come back here not far from Hazeltine, it would be cool.

Q. Any other Ryder Cup stuff with you this week?

BROOKS KOEPKA: No, just this. But they're going to be out of my hands here in about 10 minutes.