



FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: MARK BROOKS
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DAVE SENKO: Okay, Mark, thanks for joining us. I know it's got to be a little disappointing losing in a playoff. Maybe just take us back through your day. Great run there to get into the playoff.

MARK BROOKS: Well, I didn't play that well today, I didn't hit it that good today, but I played good golf today, let's put it that way.

DAVE SENKO: I think you had 12 or 13 one-putts.

MARK BROOKS: I don't know about -- I hit a bad second shot on 2, got it up and down out of the bunker, made a nice six-footer there. I had a funny spot on 3, made a great up-and-down from off the green. No. 5 I hit a horrible drive and laid up and got up and down from 90 yards and I hit it to three feet. I did birdie 7, I had two decent shots there.

DAVE SENKO: What was your putt?

MARK BROOKS: Oh, about 10 feet. Then I missed about a 10-footer on 8, hit another bad drive, laid up, hit a really nice wedge and missed a pretty straight 10-footer there. Good up-and-down on 9. No. 12, I hit a nice fairway bunker shot to about six feet and made that one. The next hole I hit a nice 8-iron on the par 3, probably made a 12-, 15-footer down the hill. Par -- drivable, I laid up, hit a nice wedge about 12 feet and made that. Then I hit a bad drive again and got lucky and I thought I could get it somewhere near the front, hit a bad second shot, got it over there in the hay. Actually hit an okay shot to get it almost on and then chipped it in.

DAVE SENKO: How far was that chip-in?

MARK BROOKS: Oh, it was probably 20-something feet. I didn't have to chip it three feet to get it on the fringe. Actually I was probably a foot off the fringe, but I drew a pretty good lie to be able to chip it down there and it went right in. Then I hit a decent, not a great wedge on 16 and made a good 20-footer there. Hit a bad -- I didn't really have a club for 17 and tried to hit a big slinger in there and kind of whiffed it short and made a good two-putt on 17. And then 18 in regulation I almost hit a good drive and it ended up like a couple inches in the heavy rough, hit a 7-wood just in front and pitched it about whatever it was, 10 feet short and made that right in the middle.

DAVE SENKO: And 18 on the playoff?

MARK BROOKS: I hit a bad drive and then I was kind of in between on that third shot and obviously picked the wrong one. I was just trying to hit a low driller and skip it back there. I probably should have gone with my other sand wedge and tried to fly it past the hole. A little breeze got up in my face, too, when I was over it and that was, you know, the tee shot kind of got me in a funny spot as well.

DAVE SENKO: Questions?

Q. Six birdies in the final seven holes in regulation, that's pretty impressive.

MARK BROOKS: Well, I mean, a couple of them were fortunate, obviously the chip-in on the par 5, but I hit good putts on the other ones. I will say they weren't -- they were going right in. No. 16 was a big one. My caddie did a good job reading putts today, I'll be honest with you. He's been here way more than I have and he saw them pretty good.

Q. You haven't had much success here in the past.

DAVE SENKO: Is that Mark?

MARK BROOKS: Mark, yeah.

Q. Did you just figure it out all of a sudden?

MARK BROOKS: I don't know, I had a good nine coming out of the box Thursday, or Friday, excuse me. I'm still used to the other tour. I kind of played a nine like that the other day on Friday, didn't hit it that great, chipped in, holed a bunker shot, shot 30 on that side, so I had two 30s on that nine this week. That's 12-under, so kind of tells you the story.

Q. Do you feel pretty good, I mean four of your seven wins on the PGA TOUR were in playoffs, think about that. Do you feel comfortable?

MARK BROOKS: Who knows, I just didn't hit a good drive. It's a funny hole for me. I didn't drive the ball good today so it's pretty much one of those I just sort of aimed at that bunker and if I pushed it it was going to be all right and if I pulled it it was fine, and finally hit one kind of where I was aimed.

Q. How aware were you of Dunlap in the last four, five holes?

MARK BROOKS: I knew I was within a shot or two after I birdied 16. Like I said, honestly, it's no excuse, I just didn't have a great club for 17 and I knew I didn't want to knock it over that green. Long 17 is a pretty easy bogey from over that green.

DAVE SENKO: What did you hit?

MARK BROOKS: 5-iron. I kind of clunked it. I could have actually -- the shot kind of fits, I could have actually bounced it on the green. But it was funny, we were all three short. Fred, I think he went to more club and he was still short.

Q. What club would you take? If you had to play it over, what club would you take?

MARK BROOKS: What hole?

Q. On 17.

MARK BROOKS: Same club. I don't second guess stuff too much, to be honest with you.

Q. But you say you didn't have the club for it.

MARK BROOKS: I didn't have the perfect club to fit the shot and I was going to make what I had work, and I would do the same thing again exactly.

Q. Par's not a bad score either.

MARK BROOKS: 3's not a bad score there. I made three 3s there this week. I hit a really good shot yesterday and had a chance at it.

Q. Did you watch the 3-wood to see where it went?

MARK BROOKS: You could tell by the crowd. There's no way I could have hit 3-wood from where I was. That's the way it goes. Again, it's probably fortunate he didn't birdie 18 in regulation. I played the hole 3-under for the week. Actually, I'll take that back, I played that hole 4-under for the week so I can't complain other than I could have hit a better tee ball on 18 in the playoff.

DAVE SENKO: Okay, thank you, Mark.

MARK BROOKS: Thank you, guys.