

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
December 4, 2021



BROOKS KOEPKA (-13)

Q. Brooks, first of all, just your overall assessment your round today, your play.

BROOKS KOEPKA: I played okay, nothing to get excited about. It was, you know, the double on 8, just didn't execute the chip. I was trying to make bogey from the -- where I hit the tee shot. Just had a few costly misses, a couple good putts that just didn't go in, left a few short. Just kind of a little sloppy here and there, which kind of cost me.

Q. Is it important to be in the last group?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Five back, so I've got to do something, so I guess yeah. It's always nice to be in the last group, but still got to play good.

Q. When you are 5 back, is your mindset different, or how do you approach if you stay 5 back if he doesn't -- depending on what happens on 18?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I think he made par. I don't know, he hit an unbelievable bunker shot so I'm assuming he made the putt. Just keep doing what I'm doing, play good and hope for the best.

Q. Is it good that, even though this is December, you're putting all this hard work, you kind of get to put it to the test in the final group tomorrow?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, I'm just more excited seeing the equipment than anything. It's been very, very easy, which is nice. Everything's reacting the way I want it to, so I'm pleased with that, but I'm still not playing -- kicking on all cylinders, but yeah, it's definitely a step in the right direction, so I'm very happy.

Q. Seems like a lot of your peers envy your mental space that you're able to get to on the golf course. Do you see some of that same sort of focus and drive in Collin?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I think I played with him like twice, so I mean, I can't get into his head, so I don't really know. But he does a pretty good job for what he's been out here. Three, three years, maybe four?

Q. Three. This is the beginning of his fourth season.

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, he's done a pretty good job so far, so I wouldn't switch it up if I was him.