

# State Farm 3-Point Contest

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## Kon Knueppel

Press Conference



**Q. What are your thoughts on the 3-Point Contest, going back to that competition?**

KON KNUEPPEL: Yeah, I felt good about, got a good score out there obviously the first round, then the finals. It was a tough one. Obviously, kind of crapped the bed there in the second round. It's a long sit. Went first and then it was like 30 minutes sitting down. It was tough to get loose again. Yeah, it kind of stinks.

**Q. Did you feel hot in warmups? Did you feel like you were going to have a night tonight, have a chance?**

KON KNUEPPEL: Yeah, I felt good, felt prepared coming in. Just didn't make the shots in the final round.

**Q. What impressed you about watching Dame and Booker up close? That's kind of like what you aspire to be, right?**

KON KNUEPPEL: Yeah, just really good streak shooters. I think Devin Booker made nine in a row to start in that final round. So it was cool to watch those guys up close.

**Q. To go off of that, when you're immersed with a group like that of the best shooters in the league, do you pick up on little things or ask any questions when you're with them?**

KON KNUEPPEL: Just kind of chatting about the specifics of the contest. The three-point balls were really important. If you made one of those, it was kind of game-changing for your round.

So just talked about that, the actual contest, not really shooting itself.

**Q. Do you have a favorite Tyrese Proctor story?**

KON KNUEPPEL: Well, there was a pretty viral play where I grabbed his leg and he was falling out of bounds to keep him inbounds. He was like, you're a genius. He said that in the game. I didn't even really realize what it was. But him saying you're a genius was pretty funny, because I wasn't really sure what he was talking about at first. I'm

looking forward to seeing him soon.

**Q. He took a few extra years to get to the league. Why do you think that is?**

KON KNUEPPEL: I mean, he came early, too. He came early. I think four years, especially at one school, you see a lot of guys hopping around. It's a credit to him for staying prepared, keep getting better each year. I think he's going to have a long career because of that mental fortitude he had in college.

**Q. Is Booker a guy that you've followed closely in that you both have the three-point game, the beautiful form, the three-point stroke, but also that mid-range, too? Is that a guy when you're watching the NBA over the last decade or so, I'd like to sort of play like that guy a little bit?**

KON KNUEPPEL: Yeah, I think Devin Booker is a phenomenal player. I feel like he kind of was a little underrated as far as those superstar NBA players. But yeah, like you mentioned, his ability to score at all three levels, he excels in the mid-range, so I think he's a real special player, and it was cool to see him get hot there.

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