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Quick Quotes

Q. It seems like throughout the course of today and yesterday really, the back nine seems to have more explosiveness. You have some things going back and forth. Is that just the nature of match play or is it more the golf course itself?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I think that's probably the golf course. Just the winds are -- they're good holes because you can make birdie but you can also make bogey, and I think that's the definition of a great hole. You hit a good-quality drive or iron shot in, you're going to have a good look, but if you don't, you're struggling to make par.

I think 13 is probably one of the best drivable par-4s for match play. You can have -- 15 is a really good par-5. You've really just got to sack up and hit a shot.

It's a good golf course for match play.

Q. 13 is just a good drivable par-4, period, or do you have to put the distinction of match play on there, or is it just a good drivable par-4?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I don't know -- if it wasn't match play, I don't know if -- and those tents weren't back there, I don't know. But those tents back there obviously stop it, so it makes -- guys can just blast it in and stop it.

I don't know, for match play I think it's great.

Q. You've been playing this stupid game long enough and on the match play side of things to know how weird it gets. Are you pretty good at resetting each morning, no matter what you did the day before, no matter what your record is now, approaching each day fresh?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, I think I kind of do that every day just in normal stroke play, too. The day previous has no effect on what you're going to do the next day, whether you played good, whether you played bad. Some days it's



just -- you're just not swinging it good. It's like anything, I can go out and shoot 85 and go shoot 65 the next day. It's just a crazy game.

Q. If you look at something like Bethpage, for example, or any of your other wins, when you get closer to Saturday, Sunday, and you're playing well and you're leading nice and your optimism and your expectations will probably go up, at what point does that get that way this week? Ever?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I don't ever have expectations. I show up and I want to win. I feel like I can. But I don't think I ever -- I think that's where guys screw up, they start thinking ahead. That's where nerves come into play. You start thinking about, well, if I could just par these last two, I can get in the clubhouse and win or whatever, and that's usually when guys make mistakes, instead of just finishing off the round and play exactly like you would, they change up the game plan.

I think -- I don't know, I never get ahead of myself. It's just whatever shot is in front of me, I just worry about that one, I could care less what I've got in front, two holes, a hole, whatever, it doesn't make a difference.

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