

# The Northern Trust

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Liberty National Golf Club

## Brooks Koepka

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. Feel like you struck the ball better? Is that a fair assessment of the score today?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, definitely. It was more of a lineup issue, just lining up a bit right yesterday, so my good shots were always right, look up, and all of a sudden it's like why is it going that way. Just made a little adjustment and happy with the way I hit it.

#### Q. Is it feet, shoulders lined up?

BROOKS KOEPKA: No, just feet, feet were lined up. They were set up like I was going to hit a draw and when you do that, it's going to start off right. But like I said, they were good swings yesterday and just kept -- you look up and they are going that way and so just made the adjustment yesterday afternoon on the range and feels good.

#### Q. Do the Playoffs get the competitive juices flowing with you?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I think it's different with these fans. The fans here are a little bit more energized, more enthusiastic, so you definitely get a little bit more of that feel than you probably do any other place. So I enjoy it.

#### Q. Do you get a sense of the regional differences with fans? A lot of people talked about New York fans or Boston fans; do you feel a difference when you're in Jersey versus North Carolina or something?

BROOKS KOEPKA: That's a big difference. Just walk. You'll find out.

#### Q. Better or worse?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I don't mind. I could care less. Doesn't matter what you say. Doesn't matter anything. If I got something creative, I'll say it back but otherwise, it's fun. I enjoy playing in front of them. I guess I've done all right up here.



#### Q. I don't think you've clinched your Ryder Cup spot, but basically clinched. What kind of guys do you want to see on the team?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I don't even know who is there right now. I honestly haven't paid any attention. I'm focused on what I have to do right now and the FedExCup. That's more important than The Ryder Cup. At the end of the day it not up to me, so it doesn't matter who I want. The captain is going to pick who they want and get the guys they want on the team and that's fine, and just play good, whoever those guys are that are right on the bubble, and everything should take care of itself.

#### Q. Do you think at The Ryder Cup Team chemistry matters, or are you of the school, don't care who's there, if we play well, we win; if we don't, we lose?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Typically if you win your match, you're doing something right. If you win your four matches, you'll be fine. So just play good.

#### Q. Can team chemistry help you win more matches?

BROOKS KOEPKA: I think it depends on the guys honestly. I think it depends on the individuals that are playing. Certain guys gel better. Like I like an enthusiastic guy. Like I thought Brandt Snedeker was perfect for me when I played. A guy that gets high, gets low, gets excited. I don't show that. I really don't have those feelings. So it's kind of fun for me when I can kind of experience those.

#### Q. Opposites attract a little bit?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, for me that's what it is. Some guys might want somebody very similar. Like I'm trying to think, like when I played with DJ, it's kind of, you know, the same thing, and I'm not -- I just prefer when a guy is very enthusiastic. I like that, and with that being my first Ryder Cup, I learned what I liked early. I think that's beneficial for me, but you know, certain guys will say different things.

#### Q. Does Stricker know that; that you feel that way?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, I've said that. I've talked to him a little bit. You know, said what I like or what I like in a partner that I'm playing with. We'll see. At the end of the day it's up to them. I don't exactly get to choose who I play



with, but you know, they will put the best team out there that they can.

**Q. You were with Tony in Paris?**

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, I played with Tony.

**Q. Would he fit that mold? You played pretty well together.**

BROOKS KOEPKA: Yeah, he did. I mean, I think whatever it was, Friday or Saturday was different just with everything that had gone on. So you know, you take that out. I can't remember if I played with him on Saturday. I know I played with I think DJ in the afternoon Saturday.

But it was -- yeah, I enjoy playing with him. I really liked him. He's a solid ball-striker, good putter. Really just a solid player all around.

**Q. You seem like a guy who enjoys visiting the bigger cities and getting out to do stuff. Are you surprised or disappointed there's no Chicago or New York on the schedule next year?**

BROOKS KOEPKA: I haven't even looked at the schedule so I don't even know where they are going next year. That's news to me they are not coming here. I mean, like Memphis, I've done pretty good there, so I don't mind that.

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