

2026 PGA TOUR THE CUT: Farmers Insurance Open

A1 – KOEPKA VIDEO SIZZLE

BROOKS KOEPKA: To have a chance to play on the PGA TOUR has always been a dream of mine.

ANNC: 24-years-old, and welcome to the winners' circle, Brooks Koepka!

BROOKS KOEPKA: When you're a little kid on the putting green, all you want to do is win on the PGA TOUR.

AS THE PGA TOUR RETURNS TO TORREY PINES, A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS FOR ONE OF GOLF'S BIGGEST NAMES ... AFTER FOUR YEARS, FIVE-TIME MAJOR CHAMPION BROOKS KOEPKA MAKES HIS RETURN TO THE PGA TOUR TO COMPETE WITH THE GAME'S BEST AT THE FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN.

ANNC: There it is, and that is the new number one in the world! ... the game's best right now.

ANNC: Brooks Koepka has won where it all started back in 2015!

A2 – TITLES

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A3 – TEE IT UP – FARMERS

LET'S TEE IT UP FOR THE FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN, WHERE SOME TOP PLAYERS ARE MAKING THEIR 2026 DEBUT...

INCLUDING XANDER SCHAUFFELE, HIS 10TH START AT THE FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN ... SCHAUFFELE TOOK THE TITLE AT THE BAYCURRENT CLASSIC THE LAST TIME HE TEE'D IT UP ...

CAMERON YOUNG, ONE OF THE HOTTEST NAMES ON TOUR, COLLECTED HIS FIRST WIN IN AUGUST AT THE WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOLLOWED BY A STRONG PERFORMANCE AT THE RYDER CUP... HE'LL BE MAKING HIS FIRST OFFICIAL PGA TOUR START AT TORREY PINES SINCE SEPTEMBER ...

THE BIGGEST STORYLINE ON TOUR THIS WEEK IS THE RETURN OF BROOKS KOEPKA ... THE 9-TIME WINNER ON TOUR AND 5-TIME MAJOR CHAMPION WILL MAKE HIS FIRST START AT A PGA TOUR EVENT SINCE THE 2022 VALSPAR

CHAMPIONSHIP, WHERE HE FINISHED T12... HE'S MISSED THE CUT AT FARMERS 3 OUT OF HIS 4 STARTS...

A4 – KOEPKA THROUGH THE YEARS

WITH ALL EYES ON KOEPKA AS HE LOOKS TO PLAY HIS WAY BACK INTO CONTENTION ON TOUR, HE'S NEVER BEEN LOST FOR WORDS WHEN IT COMES TO CONFIDENCE IN HIS GAME.

REPORTER: Do you think you can get even better than you were in 2018, which I assume was peak Brooks Koepka?

BROOKS KOEPKA: That wasn't peak.

REPORTER: That wasn't peak?

BROOKS KOEPKA: That wasn't peak. Just wait.

REPORTER: All right.

REPORTER: You were asking what's on your shoes, Oasis?

BROOKS KOEPKA: The off-whites? It's fashion bro.

BROOKS KOEPKA: I mean, I'll call it like I see it. And if I think you're acting like a child on the golf course, I have no problem. No problem saying it.

REPORTER: Part of you has to love golf. And coming down the stretch on Sunday,

BROOKS KOEPKA: I love competing, yeah. I don't understand why when we start talking about slow play is 5.5 hours. I mean, 5.5 hours to play golf is a long time, everybody's going to get bored. If you really think about it, you're only probably playing for about five minutes, and the rest of the time I'm just walking? You try walking by yourself for four, four and a half hours and see how boring it gets.

REPORTER: What do you think the most important club in a major is?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Your mind. I don't know if it has anything to do with the 14 clubs in your bag. You can hit it great, but mentally you got to be one above the rest.

BROOKS KOEPKA: I don't play for awards. I just play to win. Win trophies, win tournaments. I mean, LeBron's only won four MVP's and I'm pretty sure he's been the best player for more than just four years. So ...

REPORTER: You've been the most dominant player in majors the last three years. Why do you think that is?

BROOKS KOEPKA: Just mentally, I think I've got it. I know the bigger the stage, the brighter the lights and the more I'm ready to go. And I think that's you gotta have a different mentality for that. I think I've always been very confident, borderline cocky. I know people think I don't care. But inside the ropes, the practice, the dedication I have, I don't think people, people don't get to see what we do off the golf course when we're talking ten, 11-hour, 12-hour days. Easy. On the minimum. So I'm dedicated to everything I do. And anytime you can win, it's going to breed confidence.

BROOKS KOEPKA: No, I love golf. I just like competing. I like doing anything. If we play ping pong, I'm still going to be pretty intense with you and try to kick your butt. It doesn't matter what we're doing. I'm super competitive about anything.

BROOKS KOEPKA: It's funny about this game, it's when it's going really well, you're never thinking. And then all of a sudden everything kind of abandons you and you're trying to figure out what's the answer? What's the answer? How do I, how do I right the ship? How do I figure it out and start looking at ten different things? And odds are it's one simple thing. You know, once you get that one swing thought or that one set up thought, then you're off and running.

BROOKS KOEPKA: I don't have enough wins. When I win enough, I'll be retired and you won't see me again. You know, I'll be off on some island somewhere, but until I'm happy with the number of wins that I have and the majors that I have, I'm still going to keep grinding. I think I can get to double digits in majors. I think that's the goal right now. I've still got some time to get there, but, it needs to, I need to put my foot down, and you know, maybe give away a couple of them already that I felt I should have won, but, you know, it's one of those things, when I'm all said and done, I'm on my couch watching this in, who knows, it's 20 years from now. You know, I just want to be happy with my career and say I give it my all.

A5 – STUDIO ON KOEPKA

FOR MORE ON KOEPKA'S RETURN TO THE PGA TOUR, HERE'S MATT EVERY, ALEX O'LAUGHLIN, AND BILLY KRATZERT ...

ALEX O'LAUGHLIN: And we now welcome in PGA TOUR analyst Billy Kratzert, who will be on the call for Brooks Koepka's return. Now Billy, we'll get to Brooks's game soon enough, but first, I want to know, what does Brooks expect to see on site just from other people, officials, other players, the tournament?

BILLY KRATZERT: I think he's going to experience a nice welcoming. I mean, there's going to be some anticipation on his part as to how that's going to go. But overall, Alex, I think it's going to be welcoming. I think they're happy to get him back. You get a big name back, you get a five-time major champion back. Yeah, I think it's going to be good.

MATT EVERY: Brooks kind of has a bully, bully's golf game, if you will, Billy, this is a bully's golf course. Do you think he's going to relish the challenge coming back to a place like this versus maybe a place where he needs to shoot 25-under to win?

BILLY KRATZERT: Well, you look at the major championships and he's always able to elevate his game. And I think, you know, Torrey Pines, it's the same thing. It's a golf course that you need to elevate your game. You need to be sharp. I think how he blends the anticipation of playing and his expectations as to where they might be, I think if the expectations become a little too high, then that may get in his way. But I mean, he's so happy to be back.

MATT EVERY: Well, two guys he's going to be very familiar with on Thursday and Friday. Max Homa and Ludvig Åberg. Do you think, two very easygoing guys out there on the TOUR, do you think that pairing helps or hurts him? I think it helps, Matt. I think anytime you can get out there, in kind of a stressful situation, you can eliminate a lot of that stress early by playing with Åberg and playing with Max Homa. They're going to be out there chatting. They're going to be probably talking about football and what's coming up with the Super Bowl and all that. So there's going to be a lot of deflection away from the golf while they're on the golf course, which I think is going to be hugely important.

ALEX O'LAUGHLIN: Now just to round things out, what do you think makes it a successful week for Koepka?

BILLY KRATZERT: Well, if you ask Brooks, you know, he's there to win. It's just like every major championship. But I think, you know, you progress past the cut. I mean, he's not a ceremonial player. This is not a ceremonial event. This is an event where Brooks wants to go out and wants to make that statement, that he's the player that needs to be on the best tour in the world, the PGA TOUR.

ALEX O'LAUGHLIN: It's going to be a fun few weeks on tour. Thanks so much, Billy, and we'll look forward to seeing you on the call.

BILLY KRATZERT: Thanks, Alex. Thanks, Matt.

BI – ROOKIE MOMENTS OF DOUBT

EMILIO GONZALEZ: A couple of years ago, I was a rookie on the Korn Ferry Tour. I didn't get off to the best of starts, and then I had appendicitis, and then, after the ninth event, I believe. I tried to rush back out, I didn't rupture anything, but the wounds in my stomach weren't healing because of that. I ended up actually having to take eight weeks off from golf. I look back at that, and I definitely had a lot of doubt there, you know, not that like, I didn't believe I could do it, but like, where to the point where I was like, man, like, do I really want to do this? But then you also look at like, that's what made me like so much stronger for next season. Be prepared, deal better

with adversity throughout my career. That's definitely a place I look back to, and it just taught me a lot.

JEFFREY KANG: When I had the driver yips, probably in college, I remember, I guess I wouldn't say doubt, but I think it was more of like a surprise of what kind of happened. Leaves a lot of questions in your mind of if I'm doing the right things, if I'm on the right path. For me, it was just a lot of other things kind of realizing, like who I was other than golf, golf was a very big part of my life since I was a young kid, and that was all I knew. And kind of having the struggle felt like I lost a little bit of like who I really was. So, that would probably go into the mental side of things of like, hey, like, this is not everything. Like, you're going to be okay if this doesn't work out.

JOHN VANDERLAAN: About this time last year, I didn't have my best year on Korn Ferry. I kept my card but finished like 62nd and had to go to Second Stage at Q-School to try to get to my PGA TOUR card. I was obviously fully exempt on Korn Ferry, but I went to Second Stage and I didn't get through Second Stage. It's like, what? What are we doing? It's got to get better. And so I really dedicated myself after that. But even in this year, there were times where I played really good, made a lot of cuts, but I would throw one bad day and finish 50th, and then you're basically losing money and you're sitting at 50th in the Points List and it's like, man, it's getting to the point where it's like, maybe it's time to look at some other options. And fortunately I got hot there after that. And get to keep doing it.

ZACH BAUCHOU: I was a fine enough college player, and when I graduated, I always believed I would play the TOUR. And then the pandemic happened, I ended up losing my game, and there were certainly doubts for two, three years that I would just even be able to play competitive golf again. I wasn't even thinking about playing the TOUR at that point in my life, just trying to get back to playing some resemblance of decent golf. I've had a lot of doubts in my life, and it's been cool to be on the other side of that, and see some dreams come true.

B2 – AMEX WINNER

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler has done it again. He is now a 20-time winner on the PGA TOUR.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: In order to get to the position of being in the final group, in order to get to the position where you have a large lead, you have to do such a good job of mentally staying in a good place on the golf course. So most of the day I'm trying to remain calm, focus on the things that I can execute, and then it's a matter of going out and hitting the shots. It's a golf course where you got to go out there and make birdies. So there was a lot of challenges today, but I'm proud of the way we played and put up a nice round.

B3 – FEC STANDINGS

WITH HIS WIN AT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER MOVES INTO A TIE FOR FIRST WITH CHRIS GOTTERUP IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS INTO THE FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN.

B4 – SCHEFFLER WINNER WALK

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: There he is, good job!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: You ok, buddy?

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: I'm so proud of you.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's ok, buddy.

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Bennett, it's ok, they're friends.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Benny! Did he get a little shiner today?

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Yeah!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: What happened?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: You ready to go out there?

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: He wants to go in the sand.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: You can go in the sand. You want mommy to take you in the sand?

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Want me to go play in the sand with you?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, mommy will take you in the sand.

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Can I?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Come on, goofball.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: You want to stand, Bennett, or you want me to hold you? You want to stand? All right I'll hold you.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Benny can you clap? Can you clap? All right, Benny. You ready? Did you bring this?

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: What?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Did you bring this?

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Yeah.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Cute.

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Scottie is getting a steak.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I'll have a steak.

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Great, what sides?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I'm getting fries. Mac 'n cheese.

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: His favorite food is mac 'n cheese. Maybe that's what we can have to celebrate. Y'all can both have mac 'n cheese.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, get some mac 'n cheese then. That's a good idea.

CI – REJOIN

WHILE THE PGA TOUR SEASON CONTINUES ON THE CALIFORNIA SWING, THE KORN FERRY TOUR GOES TO CENTRAL AMERICA FOR THE PANAMA CHAMPIONSHIP.

C2 - JULIAN SURI FEATURE

JOURNEYMAN JULIAN SURI IS COMING OFF A CAREER YEAR ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR. HE EARNED A WIN WITH THREE TOP-10 FINISHES IN 2025, FINISHING JUST THREE SPOTS OUTSIDE OF A PGA TOUR CARD. THIS SEASON, SURI LOOKS TO CAPITALIZE ON THE MOMENTUM IN 2026.

JULIAN SURI: I do enjoy the little things, waking up at sunrise and going to the beach

JULIAN SURI: It's refreshing to take in the sights, the smells, the sounds. And keep your vibrational frequency high. It brings you down into the moment, into the present. And I'm not thinking about what's for lunch. What I got to practice, what I'm working on in my swing. It just brings me back into the here and now it's just a very centering place.

HAVING A VERY CEREBRAL APPROACH TO LIFE AND BIG DREAMS OF PLAYING ON THE PGA TOUR, 34-YEAR-OLD JULIAN SURI IS STILL LOOKING FOR HIS BIG BREAK ... WHILE HE SOAKS IN HIS 2025 SUCCESSES, HE KNOWS ALL TOO WELL THE ROUGH WATERS THAT COME WITH LIFE AS A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER.

JULIAN SURI: I came out of school and I was struggling with my game and grinding on mini tours for a few years and then kind of found my way in Europe and then started playing well and, found out my good is pretty good.

ANNC: Great attitude, good execution and he is a winner on the European Tour, congratulations to Julian Suri.

ANNC: A couple of victories already for Julian on the European Tour. Rising up the world golf rankings.

REACHING 60TH IN THE WORLD BROUGHT THE SPOTLIGHT AND OPPORTUNITY...

DEVIN SURI: He's reached a pinnacle of contending in big events, majors, and then had a couple injuries and really struggled.

BATTLING SWING CHANGES, HE SUFFERED A CORE MUSCLE INJURY THAT REQUIRED SURGERY.

ANNC: Suri, he is a journeyman. He won in Europe, battled some injuries, spent four years on the DP World Tour and then Monday qualifying a couple seasons out here on the Korn Ferry Tour, none with full status.

JULIAN SURI: It's about riding the waves, it's about resilience, it's about persistence.

NINE LONG YEARS SINCE HIS WINS IN EUROPE, JULIAN'S FORTITUDE PROVED VALUABLE, DESPITE LIMITED STARTS IN 2025, HE HAD A RUNNER UP FINISH IN TEXAS AND THEN, SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY IN UTAH.

ANNC: It's a big moment for Julian. Never really been in the mix going into the end of the year so this is very important.

JULIAN SURI: Going into Sunday, I felt like I was getting lapped. I just put my head down and let's just see how many birdies we can make.

ANNC: Our new leader Julian Suri lighting the golf course up today.

JULIAN SURI: I had a six-footer to win, and, in reality, everything I want is on the other side of making this putt.

ANNC: With that, Julian Suri, your Champion in Utah. Picking up his first win on the Korn Ferry Tour in style.

JULIAN SURI: That was just kind of validation that I had been going about it the right way.

DEVIN SURI: He's had other successful moments in his career I've seen how hard he's worked and then for him to win again and to be in this position was really fulfilling and inspiring.

JULIAN SURI: So much of professional golf is blocking things out you're blocking out distractions. Stuff on social media, whatever. Sometimes you just want to, like, open all your senses.

THROUGH THE TURBELENCE SURI CAN ALWAYS FIND SMOOTH WATERS AT HOME.

JULIAN SURI: I think every golfer would kind of describe their career as sort of ups and downs, and you kind of got to ride the waves.

JULIAN SURI: I know I've made tremendous strides just even this year in my game mentally and physically. I'm just out there to execute it's just an opportunity to showcase that, test myself under the gun and see what I can do.

DI – STEWART CINK FEATURE

ANNC: Last year's Player of the Year starts 2026 off with a win! Stewart Cink has captured the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai!

REIGNING CHARLES SCHWAB CUP CHAMPION STEWART CINK PICKED UP RIGHT WHERE HE LEFT OFF. ENTERING HIS THIRD FULL SEASON ON THE PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS, CINK ALREADY HAS FIVE TITLES UNDER HIS BELT.

STEWART CINK: It's just so rare that you can turn 50 and have this new opportunity. PGA TOUR Champions, when you come out as a rookie, you're almost at the top of your career. I just wasn't really performing that great on the PGA TOUR. And it just was like, what am I doing?

ANNC: It feels like it's taken him a little while to find his mojo out here, but you always sensed that he was capable of explosive things.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: He's very similar to me. He physically has the game to compete with the younger guys. But you over try. You think you need your A-game when you're out there. So, you're trying to catch lightning in a bottle when you're with the young guys.

STEWART CINK: When I was about 51 playing on the PGA TOUR, where I just felt like I was really grinding hard to earn the right to do that again the next year. The average age is getting younger on the PGA TOUR and we're not getting younger. I felt like an outlier.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: If you want to have a successful Champions Tour career, you really need to be out here playing. But, for me, and I still say to Stewart, trying to catch lightning in a bottle is a lot more fun.

STEWART CINK: Yeah, Padraig said I shouldn't play out here. He said I should just keep playing out there. I don't know what he was talking about.

GOOD ADVICE, BUT LUCKILY, HE DIDN'T LISTEN TO HARRINGTON. CINK HAD A CAREER YEAR ON THE CHAMPIONS TOUR IN 2025, NOTCHING HIS FIRST

MULTI-WIN CAMPAIGN CAPPED OFF BY THE SEASON-LONG CHARLES SCHWAB CUP TITLE.

ANNC: Stewart Cink has won the Inisperity Invitational!

ANNC: Stewart Cink wins for the second time this year!

STEWART CINK: It's been a pretty successful year overall because I've had a lot of chances. I've been in the mix most every tournament and you can't let yourself be too down about not winning because the players are so good and the scoring is amazing. And so, you almost have to be flawless.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: He's married a lot of what you would say about the Champions Tour when he came out here first and was trying to play both tours. He hadn't got the rhythm of this tour at all. Now that he's playing more here, he's obviously a stalwart up on the leaderboard every week. He's got the Champions Tour number at this stage. He knows what he's doing out here.

ANNC: Stewart Cink, Charles Schwab Cup Champion and a winner here in Phoenix!

STEWART CINK: I think it's the year of patience, too. Golf just doesn't always reward you with immediate results. High finishes and being in contention a lot are good indicators that you're doing the right things, and it's been a great ride.

D2 – TV TIMES

ON THE PGA TOUR THIS WEEK, TUNE IN AS FIVE-TIME PGA TOUR WINNER HARRIS ENGLISH LOOKS TO DEFEND HIS TITLE AT TORREY PINES AGAINST A NOTABLE FIELD AT THE FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN.

D3– COURSE AS A CHARACTER ESSAY

EACH WEEK ON THE PGA TOUR, GOLFERS LOOK TO SEPARATE FROM THE PACK AND EMERGE VICTORIOUS. INEVITABLY, ONE SPECIFIC HOLE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE. THE TOUR HITS TORREY PINES THIS WEEK, AND USING HISTORICAL DATA, WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE CHAMPIONSHIP HOLE, A PAR FOUR MEASURING 490 YARDS. THE FOURTH HOLE AT THE TORREY PINES SOUTH COURSE MIGHT BE EARLY IN A PLAYER'S ROUND, BUT DO NOT DISCOUNT ITS IMPACT ON WINNING.

SINCE 2004, SUCCESS ON THE FOURTH HOLE HAS DICTATED SUCCESS IN THE EVENT. THE EVENTUAL WINNER HAS AN UNDER PAR SCORING AVERAGE OF 3.94, WHILE THE FIELD AVERAGES 4.26. A DIFFERENCE OF A THIRD OF A STROKE. YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL HARRIS ENGLISH. IN 2015, HE ENTERED

THE WEEKEND WITH THE LEAD, BUT WAS THREE OVER ON THE FOURTH HOLE, AND LOST IN A PLAYOFF..... A DECADE LATER, WITH THE FOURTH HOLE PLAYING AS THE TOUGHEST ON THE COURSE, ENGLISH MADE PAR ALL THREE TIMES. HE PLAYED IT, AND HE WON BY A STROKE.

ANNC: A long time in the making! Harris English conquers Torrey Pines!

STEADY PARS CAN WIN YOU CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUT BIRDIES GIVE YOU MEMORIES. THE EVENTUAL CHAMPIONS HERE HAVE BEEN 2.6 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BIRDIE THE FOURTH HOLE THAN THE REST OF THE FIELD. THAT WAS THE LARGEST DIFFERENCE ON ANY HOLE.

NO SURPRISE THAT TIGER WOODS HELPS ILLUSTRATE THIS FACT. IN 1999, THE FIRST TIME HE WON THIS EVENT, HE BIRDIED THE FOURTH HOLE BOTH TIMES ON THE WEEKEND.

HE REPLICATED THAT FEAT IN 2007. TWO BIRDIES ON THE WEEKEND, ON THE WAY TO ANOTHER TITLE. AND IN THE LAST OF HIS SEVEN WINS AT THIS EVENT. HERE'S HOW HE BEGAN HIS SUNDAY CORONATION IN 2013.

ANNC: How was that? I could smell it coming.

OVERALL, THE WINNERS OF THE FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN HAVE GAINED 8.8% OF THEIR TOTAL STROKES ON NUMBER FOUR ALONE, THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF ANY HOLE ON THE SOUTH COURSE. AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT THE CHAMPIONSHIP HOLE.