

## 117th U.S. Open Championship – Round 4 Notes

### Players

- Brooks Koepka's 72-hole total of 272 is tied with four players for the third-lowest 72-hole score in U.S. Open history. The other four players are:
  - Jack Nicklaus, 272, (63-71-70-68), Baltusrol G.C. (Lower Course), 1993
  - Lee Janzen, 272 (67-71-70-69), Baltusrol G.C. (Lower Course), 1980
  - Tiger Woods, 272 (65-69-71,-67), Pebble Beach G.L., 2000
  - Jim Furyk, 272 (67-66-67-72), Olympia Fields C.C. (North Course), 2003
  - The only U.S. Open champions to post lower 72-hole totals are:
    - Rory McIlroy, 268, (65-66-68-69), Congressional C.C. (Blue Course), 2011
    - Martin Kaymer, 271 (65-65-72-69), Pinehurst R. & C.C. (Course No. 2), 2014
- Koepka's 16-under ties McIlroy for the lowest 72-hole total in relation to par in the history of the championship.
  - Only two other champions have posted double-digit-under-par scores for 72 holes:
    - Rory McIlroy, 16-under 268, Congressional C.C. (Blue Course), 2011
    - Tiger Woods, 12-under 272, Pebble Beach G.L., 2000
- This is the first time in the history of the U.S. Open that players other than the champion have finished 72 holes in double digits under par.
  - At Erin Hills, seven players, including the champion, finished 10 strokes or more under par.
    - Brooks Koepka (-16)
    - Hideki Matsuyama (-12)
    - Brian Harman (-12)
    - Tommy Fleetwood (-11)
    - Xander Schauffele (-10)
    - Bill Haas (-10)
    - Rickie Fowler (-10)
- This is Koepka's fifth consecutive under-par round in the U.S. Open. In addition to his four sub-par rounds at Erin Hills, his final round at Oakmont in 2016 was a 2-under 68.
- Koepka and 2016 U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson shared similar player statistics in their winning performances. Both led the field in greens in regulation, but ranked T-51 and T-49 in total number of putts, respectively.
  - In addition, Koepka and Johnson had average drive distances of 322.1 yards and 317.1 yards, respectively, which measured approximately 20 yards farther than the previous three U.S. Open champions: Jordan Spieth, 2015, 296 yards; Martin Kaymer, 2014, 305.5 yards; and Justin Rose, 2013, 300.4 yards.
- Koepka is the first Florida-born U.S. Open champion.
- Koepka won the championship in his fifth U.S. Open appearance.
  - Koepka is the third champion in the last five years to win in his fifth appearance or sooner.

- Jordan Spieth won the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay in his fourth appearance.
  - Webb Simpson won the 2012 U.S. Open at The Olympic Club in his second appearance.
- Hideki Matsuyama's 6-under fourth round score of 66 moved him from T-14 to co-runner-up.
  - This is the fifth top-10 finish by a Japanese player in U.S. Open history, and the highest since Isao Aoki in 1980 at Baltusrol G.C. (Lower Course).
  - The previous four are:
    - Hideki Matsuyama, T-10, Merion G.C., 2013
    - Jumbo Ozaki, T-6, Oak Hill C.C., 1989
    - Tommy Nakajima, T-9, The Olympic Club, 1987
    - Isao Aoki, second, Baltusrol G.C., 1980
- This is the first time since 2000 that Americans have won three consecutive U.S. Opens (Lee Janzen '98, Payne Stewart, '99, Tiger Woods '00).
- This is the largest total purse (\$12,000,000) and winner's share (\$2,160,000) in U.S. Open history.
- The two amateurs who made the cut, Scottie Scheffler (who earned low-amateur honors) and Cameron Champ, finished T-27 and T-32, respectively.
  - Cameron Champ led the field in driving distance over 72 holes, with an average of 337.3 yards.
- Justin Thomas, who began the fourth round tied for second, followed up his record-breaking 9-under performance on Saturday with a 3-over 75, leaving him tied for ninth.
  - He started the fourth round with bogeys on three of the first five holes.
- In the final round, Wisconsin residents Steve Stricker and Jordan Niebrugge shot 69 to finish tied for 16th, and 71 to finish tied for 35th, respectively.

## Course

- The previous record of sub-par 72-hole scores (28) set at Medinah C.C. (No. 3 Course) in 1990, was broken today with 31 players finishing the championship under par.
- The total number of sub-par rounds (140) posted during the championship surpassed the previous record of 122 from Medinah C.C. (No. 3 Course) in 1990.
  - The record for sub-par scores in an individual U.S. Open round was broken in both the first and third round.
    - 44 sub-par scores in the first round broke the previous record of 39 at Medinah C.C. (No. 3 Course) in 1990.
    - 32 sub-par scores in the third round broke the previous record of 26 at Congressional C.C. in 2011.

- The second round yielded the second-most sub-par scores in U.S. Open history with 46.
    - The record remains 47 from Medinah C.C. (No. 3 Course) in 1990.
- Erin Hills yielded a record number of birdies (1,363).
  - The previous record was 1,241 birdies in 2015 at Pinehurst R. & C.C. (Course No. 2) and 1994 at Oakmont (Pa.) C.C.
- In the history of the U.S. Open there have been 61 rounds of 65 or better. This week, Erin Hills yielded five scores of 65 or better, the most since 2009 at Bethpage State Park (Black Course).
  - Only twice in the history of the championship has a course yielded five scores of 65 or better during the U.S. Open:
    - 2009 at Bethpage State Park (Black Course)
    - 2003 at Olympia Fields C.C. (North Course)
- Measuring 681 yards during the fourth round, No. 18 played as the second-longest hole in U.S. Open history.
  - The longest remains the No. 12 at Oakmont C.C. for the first round in 2016.
  - No. 18 played as the easiest hole in the first and fourth rounds, as well as overall, with a cumulative scoring average of 4.843, and yielded a total of 136 birdies and seven eagles.
- The Erin Hills bunkers proved approximately as challenging as U.S. Open bunkers have since 2011.
  - The cumulative percentage of sand saves for the field over 72 holes was 40 percent, while the average over the previous six years was 39.7 percent.
- Wind gusts on Sunday reached over 30 mph, but didn't affect play nearly as much as the windiest final round in recent U.S. Open history in 1992 at Pebble Beach G.L.
  - On Sunday, only two players posted fourth-round scores 10 or more strokes higher than their third-round scores, compared to 11 players in 1992.
  - Of the 68 players who teed off in the final round, five shot 80 or higher, compared to 20 in 1992.