

editor's
letter

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SOMEONE SAVE THE GAME FROM BROOKS AND HIS BROTHERS



That's all we need.

Someone who wins a golf Major who admitted in an earlier interview that he would rather be playing baseball.

In fact, the newly-crowned US Open champion, Brooks Koepka, went further to say, in a 2015 interview with Golf Digest that golf "is kind of boring, not much action. I come from a baseball family, and it's in my blood."

Thanks Brooks.

And thanks for becoming the seventh first-time winner in the last seven Majors.

Mr Brooks, Jimmy Walker and company are doing a lot to help us all forget about Tiger Woods.

For the purposes of this column, I braved ungodly hours to watch Brooks, Brian Harmon and Tommy Fleetwood try and avoid the lalang at Erin Hills last week.

Often, I failed.

Perhaps it is because he hardly smiled much less showed any emotion en route to winning the US Open by four shots.

I make a bigger fist pump when I win \$10 from my playing partners, forget about the US\$2.16 million Brooks received for strolling around Wisconsin like a bored teenager.

The golf on display was so numbing I was hoping they would show more of amateur Cameron Champ, who averaged 349 yards off the tee in the first two rounds.

But I digress, perhaps dulled by Mr Brooks and the latest "potential world No. 1" to emerge in the game.

Is it just me or is the sport crying out for some character?

Since Woods' departure,

we have had seven pretenders take over the world No. 1 spot, holding it for a total of 275 weeks, less than half of the 683 Tiger accumulated during his rule.

Though we marvel at the power of Dustin Johnson, Jason Day and Rory McIlroy, how about some consistency for heaven's sake?

All three "superstars", supposedly the game's answer to Woods, missed the cut miserably on a course built for bombers.

And the "greatest putter of all time" Jordan Spieth couldn't seem to buy one to save his life over the four days.

Someone needs to seize the game by the throat before all of us start to agree with the Brooks and his brothers that golf is "kind of boring".

Seriously.
Please.

If I could do it over again, I'd play baseball — 100 per cent, no doubt. To be honest, I'm not a big golf nerd.

— BROOKS KOEPKA, IN A 2015
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