



Brooks Koepka celebrates after winning at TPC Scottsdale

Scottsdale, Arizona - Brooks Koepka started Super Bowl Sunday five

shots off the 54 hole lead held by Jordan Spieth and Xander Schauffelle

at 18 under par. After missing his last three cuts, he was in a better place

mentally, but could he make up that much ground with a stacked leaderboard?

When Spieth and Xander both struggled on the front nine, Koepka kept moving up the board. By the time he reached the 17th tee, he was one shot back of the lead. He blocked his 3 wood tee shot short right of the green - and faced a 32 yard short sided pitch to a back right flag. An up and down birdie would get him a share of the lead, but instead the 31 year old former No.1 chipped in for eagle (his second of the day) and nabbing the outright lead at 19 under par. His challengers all failed to match him, his final round 65 defeated Xander Schauffelle and K.H Lee by a single shot. Jordan Spieth (who vaulted up the leaderboard on Saturday with an electric 61), Carlos Ortiz and Steve Stricker all finished

tied for 4th at 17 under par.

Afterward Koepka reflected on overcoming his injuries, "I went through it mentally," Koepka said. "I think that's probably the toughest thing, where you don't know if you're ever going to be the same competitor that you were. You go through some real dark places, and it's not a fun place to be."

The win was Brooks Koepka's 8th career PGA Tour victory and moves him to 12th in the Fedex Cup standings.

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