

## NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
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### NOAH GOODWIN ( -5)

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**Q. Noah, sizzling 66 to start the week. What was clicking for you today?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** Just about everything, really didn't make too many mistakes. I put myself in a few bad places like three times today, managed to make a really good par save pretty much every time.

Big one was on 11, hit it in the left fairway bunker, chunked my bunker shot to like 50 yards, hit it up there to like three feet, tapped it in.

We just had a really good game plan and we stuck to it. You don't need to make a million birdies out here, you just need to not make any bogeys and that's kind of what we tried to do all day and I was able to.

**Q. Was there anything in your game that you specifically worked on Tuesday and Wednesday to get ready for today?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** Oh, yeah. Everything's been just below standard I would say. Biggest thing was kind of tee balls, I've been struggling with those a little bit. Not really hitting bad shots per se, but just missing fairways by a yard or two. Really tried to get that dialed and I think I only must have had like one or two today, hit it really, really well.

Then just controlling distances on everything. You want to be pin high out here just missing in the right spots every time, hitting it to 30 feet and two-putting doesn't hurt you at all. So just tried to keep the momentum, keep it in play and not do anything crazy.

**Q. For controlling distance, is that like work with a TrackMan type of thing or what do you do?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** A lot of work with TrackMan, a lot of work with TrackMan combines. I felt really good with everything but it just needed to be a little bit more dialed, so a little bit more attention to it the last few days and trusting it going into this morning that everything was where it needed to be.

**Q. How would you assess your season to this point?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** I would say I've had moments of greatness. I've been really close a few times, little things have kind of held me back from getting the job done. I'm very proud of



myself considering last year ended up losing status at this event last year. Kind of fitting in some ways and it feels really good right now. But I've done well, I've done my job and just need to finish strong now.

**Q. Take me back to this time of year last year. What are you feeling, what are you thinking at that point?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** It sucked. It was the lowest I've been with golf before, but at the end of the day I just kind of had to look in the mirror and remind myself why I play this game, it's because I love the grind, I love the fight of it all, I love seeing how good I can get every single day out here and learning more about myself.

Golf's a lot like life in a lot of ways, it never goes as planned and you just roll with the punches. I was able to do that. It had to be a pretty quick turnaround so it was sadness for a moment and understanding that it wasn't the end of the road and I just needed to do what I do to get back to where I am and take it one day at a time at that point.

**Q. Was there anyone that helped you get in a better frame of mind?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** Everybody. I have an incredible team around me from my family, my girlfriend, my coach, my agent, just so many people that I can talk to with just about anything that care about me and support me. It takes a village out here, it's not a one-man show and it's not even a player and a caddie show out there. There's a lot that goes behind the scenes in order for the mental side of it and the emotional side of it to be good because you have to be firing on all cylinders.

**Q. I know your dad caddied all through Q school last year. Has he caddied at all this year?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** He's caddied until this event last year, or up until this event this year. We mutually fired each other last Friday, we just needed a break. We've spent a lot of time together, a lot of time on the course together and for the entirety of the year we did a really good job of keeping it very player-caddie whenever we're out here.

Over the last few weeks with just what's on the line, what's at stake it just gets a little bit harder at times. We're both really emotionally invested, I know he cares more than anybody on the planet and he's still here with me this week, just in a little different capacity, moral support and just kind of helping me in the little things that me and Jaime, my caddie right now, can't do for ourselves.

**Q. He arguably cares just as much as you?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** Probably more.

**Q. Was that a hard discussion to have?**



**NOAH GOODWIN:** No, we were very mutual about it. We handled it well. We didn't have fun last week and that just can't happen out here, that's not why I play this game. Even though it's a job, I've loved every minute of this entire year. I love the fight, I love the good moments and the bad. Not having fun is just something that I won't tolerate with myself and he doesn't want that for me either. We just had to take a little bit of a step back and realize that it was -- we weren't necessarily doing anything wrong, just sometimes a little switch-up is fine.

**Q. And you mentioned what's on the line the next couple weeks. In your words, what's on the line?**

**NOAH GOODWIN:** My dreams that I've been dreaming about since I was 6 years old. I've wanted to play PGA TOUR golf for as long as I can remember. I've worked really hard my entire life. There's been lots of ups, lots of downs, celebrations and sleepless nights that have gone into this and I'm really close, it's just time to finish.

