

## NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**ROUND 2 QUOTES**  
**September 20, 2024**



**PONTUS NYHOLM (-9)**

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**Q. Great playing, 65, and had a-6 under stretch through six holes midway through your round. What kind of inspired you to that?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, that obviously helps. I thought I got off to a decent start, I was hitting some good shots, gave myself some nice looks. Made an unfortunate bogey on 15, which was my sixth hole or something. Then just said to Josh, my caddie, let's try and hit some good shots here, turn it around a little bit.

Then hit one tight on 17, the par 3, made a nice putt on 18, my ninth, and then just kind of kept it rolling from there and hit some good putts.

**Q. Was there anything kind of Tuesday, Wednesday that you pinpointed in your preparation as important to kind of fine tune for this week?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Well, obviously this course is a bit tougher than a lot of the ones we play throughout the season. Not so much -- you can obviously still go low, it's more so you have to play really well to do so. You can't just hit it everywhere and get away with it.

I think angles are really important, especially when the greens get firm, so when the pin's on the right, for example, hit it left and so forth. So angle's definitely very important.

And just being good off the tee and giving yourself -- it's not very long, so if you hit it straight, you've still got a lot of wedges from the fairway and you can attack.

**Q. What's one thing you've been pleased with this season and one thing that you haven't been pleased with?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** I've been fairly consistent. A lot of finishes between 15th and 25th, which most of the time it's been three really solid rounds and then a fourth round or a third round that hasn't been necessarily great. A lot of consistent golf.

I played every event this year and I've been grinding and tried my best at every event, which I'm pleased with.

Probably could have strung four good ones together a bit more throughout the year. I had a couple disappointing finishes and so forth, but overall pretty good golf, yeah.



**Q. Is there anyone you've met this year or any experience you've had that's like resonated with you or inspired you or kind of when you think of your year as a whole, something cool or fun that's happened?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** That's a big question. I've had my best friend on the bag there year, which has been fun. He started working for me with like five events left last year. I was sort of on that 75 bubble and he came in and we had a nice finish to the year. I've traveled with him all year, which has been fun, so a lot of good memories there, for sure.

**Q. Does he play golf?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** He does, yeah. We were roommates at Campbell, so it's been a good time.

**Q. What's his name?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Josh.

**Q. What was the call like? Like what made you decide to give him a call?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** He tried playing professional a little bit after college and then kind of gave it up and started caddying. He's from Australia, just caddied at his club back home.

I had a few different caddies out here and then split with the caddie I had for the most part of last year with six or seven events left. I just called him up and was like, hey, do you want to come over, I need your help, I need some backup here.

So he came over with six events left and did a great job and we had a nice finish to get inside that top 75 and keep my status out here. Yeah, we've been rolling along this year.

**Q. Are you still a hockey fan?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** I am a huge hockey fan, yeah.

**Q. Do you have an NHL team?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Oilers, yeah. So a bit of a heartbreak last year, that was pretty rough, lost in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final.

**Q. Like how many games do you try to --**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** I watch pretty much every single game. Not in person obviously, but on TV. I would say at least 60 out of the 82 regular season games I probably tune into, and then all the playoff games.



**Q. This is definitely not a pleasant question, but I know Johnny Goodrow, he was in Columbus, he played here in Columbus. When you see something like that, does that kind of give you perspective or just kind of --**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Makes me extremely sad. He was one of my favorite players growing up. I played myself and remember watching him at the World Juniors and he was so awesome. I loved his play style. And obviously a great guy, too. Watched him because he played for the Flames, which is the rival team of the Oilers, so saw him playing a lot. Obviously so sad what happened. Just kind of reminds you not to take anything for granted, just make the days count.

