

## VISIT KNOXVILLE OPEN

### ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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#### PONTUS NYHOLM (-14)



**Q. Pontus, 3 under today, I guess maybe just what was different today? (Inaudible) the last couple days, you mentioned maybe a couple more bogeys today, you would have battled through?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, first of all, I thought it was playing pretty easy out there apart from a few tricky pins. There wasn't much wind today so definitely more gettable. Just didn't get off to a great start. I thought I was hitting it good, just had a few putts that were just burning the edges, I hit good putts, they just didn't go in like they did over the first two days. Which, you know, it's golf, that's how it is, a bit more pressure on the weekend. Thought I stayed pretty strong, trusted my game and kind of kept plugging along. Was able to make a few around the turn and kind of get some momentum going, which was nice.

**Q. Does it get a little tough maybe mentally when you feel like the course is kind of gettable like today and you're not maybe getting the birdies like you think you're able to?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, for sure. I feel like personally I usually play good when it's playing difficult, because I was stressing myself out making three pars in a row, you know, especially going out in the final group and you kind of see guys moving up the board, shooting 63, 64, whatever, it can definitely be stressful. That's what I was saying yesterday, I was just trying not to force anything out there and kind of trusting my game and knowing that I'm going to have (inaudible) and a couple are going to find their way in. Was able to make some birdies on the back, which was nice.

**Q. Yeah, you were able to bounce back from a couple bogeys there, especially on 17, you got it right back on 18. How's that make you feel being able to carry momentum into tomorrow?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, obviously felt great. Hit a couple loose drives on the back, made two bogeys, hit one in the fescue on 17 and wasn't able to make par. Yeah, 18 was playing downwind so I hit 8-iron in there so nice to be able to capitalize, make birdie and carry some momentum.

**Q. It looks like wind will be down a little bit, you have to make up some shots obviously, but how is it kind of knowing the course might be a little bit gettable tomorrow that you might have a chance to make up the ground?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, you never know. S.H. obviously has been playing unbelievable, he played great today, didn't miss many shots. I'm assuming he's not going to miss many tomorrow so I'm just going to try and play my game and see what we can do. I'm just going to try and do my thing and see where we end up.

**Q. What's that like when you're trying to focus on your own game and you're playing with someone who just seems to be sticking it and make a lot of putts?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, it's nice. I mean, I was trying to just focus on myself and do my thing. I mean, obviously he was playing great so I was just trying to follow him on a couple holes. And yeah, fun watching, he's a great player.

**Q. How's it feel having the opportunity to, you know, be in contention on a Sunday and just have an opportunity to be near the top of the leaderboard?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, it's awesome. It's what you play for, it's where you want to be going into Sunday. Yeah, there's nothing like it, it's the best, yeah.