

## VISIT KNOXVILLE OPEN

### ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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### PONTUS NYHOLM (-11)

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**Q. Pontus, 5 under today, you were kind of cruising through most of your round. I guess take us through what was working well and then maybe that little slipup near the end.**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, just hit it fine. I've been putting good, putted good yesterday. Hit it probably a little better yesterday than today. Then just putting's been solid first 36. Then yeah, bogeyed 8. Honestly, hit a good shot. They've got that pin tucked there in the front and just didn't hit it far enough, and then impossible bunker shot. So that's sort of one of those 4s that you can somewhat accept.

**Q. You said played a little bit better yesterday. You were dealing with a lot different conditions yesterday afternoon. Tell us what you were dealing with and how you were still able to put up a pretty good score yesterday.**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Right, yeah. It's definitely the windiest I've ever seen this place, it was gusting, I don't know, 25, 30 maybe. Yeah, a little different than how it usually plays, but was just able to stay mentally strong, and missed it in the right spots, and then took advantage of the downwind holes and made some birdies there.

**Q. Making your fourth cut here now in your four starts so you're pretty perfect out here. I guess what do you think fits your game well with this course?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, it suits my eye. Like it's an old-school course, not a lot of trees. You can sort of shape the ball off the tee in terms of start lines, you can start it pretty wide and curve it back, and I kind of like courses like that. Then apart from that, I don't really know, just like this place I guess, yeah.

**Q. You're coming off your best finish of the season last week, and you made a lot of cuts this year. Where do you feel like the game's been at this year? Do you feel like you're trending a little more? Where are you at?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Yeah, only missed one cut this year, which it's good out here, cuts are usually pretty low. It's been solid, just haven't really had any good weekends. Maybe putting a little bit too much pressure on myself on the weekends. Knowing guys are going to go low, you try to force it out there instead of letting it come to you. But then I also feel like the last, ever since Texas the game's -- I've been hitting it better so that also makes some results come, just hitting it good. Yeah, just trying to stay more patient and let the golf come to me.

**Q. So do you feel like that's kind of the mindset when you're going to be in contention tomorrow no matter where the score kind of finishes today?**

**PONTUS NYHOLM:** Right. It's always nice to get off to a good start but there's still 36 holes to go and a lot can happen. So just kind of try and keep staying patient, and there are birdie opportunities out there and just let the birdies come to me instead of try and force them.