

U.S. Adaptive Open

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Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA

Pinehurst Resort & C.C. (Course No. 6)

Joakim Bjorkman

Quick Quotes

Q. We're here with Joakim Bjorkman. Can you talk us through your round today?

JOAKIM BJORKMAN: I started off pretty good in some way. I know before that it's going to be a struggle because of the heat and then other things. I got especially a swing issue I'm working on, as well. When it got hot out there, the head does not work, connect with the body and stuff.

Overall I fought through, and we're here. But the score-wise it's not what I wanted.

Q. Overall how does it feel to be a part of this first ever championship?

JOAKIM BJORKMAN: I mean, I can only say wow, finally. I've been in this game for like 20 years now, and I always had dreamed when this event coming up, and we got like a professional Tour and we got the World Ranking and the USGA coming up with a U.S. Open and now the final one with the Paralympics. Things coming together. USA is doing a great, great job.

Q. How rewarding is it to share the course with so many other inspiring athletes like yourself?

JOAKIM BJORKMAN: Yeah, I mean, this is the global stage. I have never seen a few people out there who's coming out there and just crush the course. It's a very, very strong field and some interesting people, as well.

Q. What is the adaptive golf community like? It seems like you go out there on the range and everybody is high fiving, hugging. What's that like out there?

JOAKIM BJORKMAN: I mean, I don't see any different from adaptive golf to professional golf or amateur golf. What I see is just the same guys. I'm playing as well at home in Sweden, I played a few professional events for non-adaptive, so when you're out here it's pretty similar. I mean, it's pretty high level.

Q. A few of your countrymen, Felix and Rasmus, both



went under par today. What did you know about these guys coming in?

JOAKIM BJORKMAN: I'm not surprised at all they shoot red numbers, and especially these two guys. Yeah, I'm not surprised.

Q. What's your thoughts going into tomorrow? What's your game plan?

JOAKIM BJORKMAN: I'll try to fight it through. I'm going to go to the range and find something for tomorrow to use. Hopefully I got something.

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