

# U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship

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Erin, Wisconsin, USA

Erin Hills

## Josh Persons

### Quick Quotes

**Q. He made a move on you around the turn where he won like four or five holes. Is that pretty much how it was decided this morning?**

JOSH PERSONS: Yeah, and I didn't put a lot of pressure on him, to be honest. I didn't play great, and he definitely made some birdies there for a stretch around the turn. I had a chance to maybe put some pressure on him there on, what is it, 13, the par-3? And I kind of missed a very makeable putt. That kind of took the wind out of my sails, but I fought hard.

**Q. You still were in it even until this last hole where you had that birdie putt there. Looked like it just moved slightly on you.**

JOSH PERSONS: Yeah, I didn't hit a great putt there. It moved a little bit more than I thought it would, but it would have extended it maybe one more hole, to see chip and a chair, but didn't quite get it done.

**Q. What about your whole week getting to the semifinals? You'll look at it more later, but to get this far, how did that feel?**

JOSH PERSONS: It feels great. It was a long week. I had a lot of fun. I loved playing against all these guys, good golfers, great golf course. It was a great week. I wish I would have played a little bit better today, but that happens.

**Q. Would you reevaluate after this performance as far as how much you play or what you might play in as the next year comes around?**

JOSH PERSONS: We'll see. I mean, I don't pay too close attention. I just asked somebody what tournaments this gets you into, and they told me the next two years it gets you into this, so that's cool. I mean, I don't know. We're working men. That's priority. If you can squeeze in a golf tournament or two here and there, I'd be happy to do it.



**Q. For those who don't know what a Fargo golf season is like, what is it like, and do you hit into a net in the garage during the winter? What do you do?**

JOSH PERSONS: We go from probably mid-April to probably mid-October and it's a little chilly on both ends of that. The winter I think the simulators have popped up, and we do that maybe one night a week just to waste an hour or two. In the fall I like to go hunting. I put the clubs away. I don't have a problem running around with my dog chasing pheasants. We don't do a ton in the winter, but you can if you want to.

**Q. I asked you this question but I'll ask you again. It just seems like at least recently there's a lot of folks coming out of Fargo that are playing high-quality golf. Is there something in their junior league or does everyone get together and play with each other?**

JOSH PERSONS: Well, yeah, we've got some good golfers. Like I said, Podolak won this before; Hoge is up there, he finished 10th in the FedExCup. Yeah, like I said yesterday, it's access. We try to provide access to the kids, and I think that's really important to keep them playing, keep them competing. Now it's our turn to kind of make sure that that happens for the kids as we're getting older.

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