



Josh Wytinck
Amateur Champ

Glenboro native **Josh Wytinck** proved that you're never out of a golf tournament, even if it looks like you don't have a chance.

Southwood's **Charlie Boyechko** had a four-shot lead with two holes to go, but he ended up in a four-man playoff at the Manitoba men's amateur championship that was won by Wytinck on the first extra hole.

Wytinck, who moved to Winnipeg for university and plays out of Pine Ridge, became the first player from western Manitoba to capture the provincial championship when he birdied the first playoff hole at Glendale Golf and Country Club.

"It definitely means a lot to win, being from Glenboro," Wytinck told reporters after his victory. "There's lots of good players from Glenboro. It's a good course. We don't have to play in five hours like some of these guys in Winnipeg. You can drop balls wherever you want."

"You're not that hard done by. You just have to get it out of your mindset that they're not any better than you. Just work hard."

It looked like not even hard work was going to be enough to beat Boyechko, whose lead slipped through his fingers when he finished bogey-double-bogey to end up in the playoff with Wytinck, Teulon's **Aaron Cockerill** and Breezy Bend's **Garth Collings**.

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Wytinck was technically five strokes back of Boyechko with three holes to go, although they were playing in different groups. Wytinck birdied No. 17, and that allowed him to catch up to Boyechko.

Cockerill parred the playoff hole, Collings bogeyed, and Boyechko made another double to miss out on making the Manitoba team that competed at the national championship.

Wytinck was seven strokes off the lead after Day 1 of the four-day event. He opened with a 3-over-par 75, while American **Thomas Strandemo** carded a 68. Strandemo led after two rounds with a 3-under 141 total, but Wytinck moved into contention with a second-round 70.

Boyechko and Collings co-shared the lead going into the final round. Boyechko shot a 67 on Day 3, while Collings carded a 72. Wytinck, Cockerill and Strandemo were two shots back with 18 holes to go. □

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