

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**October 12, 2017**



**GARY WOODLAND (-6)**

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**Q. Gary, a solid round 66, 34 going out, 32 coming back in. Just kind of go over your round, the good, the bad and if there was any ugly, some of that.**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I played solid today. I drove the ball in play, which is the key out here. I also saw some putts go in which I haven't seen go in in a long time. So it was nice to get off to a good start. Obviously a golf course I'm familiar with and I'm excited to be here.

**Q. Second twice here a few years back. You've seen Justin Thomas go out and kind of dominate this golf course with his length and being a bomber, you being a bomber. What is it about this golf course that, when I look at it as a former medium length hitter, it seems like it would fit my game but you guys as bombers have had a lot of success here?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** When I finished second two years in a row, Ryan Moore won both of them, the golf course played a lot tougher. It was different, there was rough then, a little bit firmer. The last two years there's been no rough, so I played pretty conservative the first two years when I finished second. The last two years I kind of played conservative, I just got lapped. JT obviously lighted this place up. But you can play aggressive out here with no rough, you can let it go and I did that today and obviously played pretty good.

**Q. It's bearable when we have cloud cover. The sun was out for a decent amount of the day today.**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Yeah.

**Q. How do you handle this, because I know me walking with you guys not even swinging the club and I'm dying out there. How are you dealing with the heat?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Yeah, you've got to get some fluids in you, obviously you've got to try to stay cool, try to find the shade. I put a towel around me to try to stay as cool as I can, but you've got to get some food in your body, stay hydrated.