

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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GARY WOODLAND (-14)

Q. You tied the course record today. Did you feel something like this coming when you arrived?

GARY WOODLAND: Yeah, I've been playing good. It's nice to have two weeks off after the TOUR Championship to regroup to get ready for this week.

The golf course is phenomenal, they did an unbelievable job, it's in perfect shape. It's nice to play the ball down this week. The golf course is great. Today, I mean I just played solid just like I did yesterday, I just made more putts. Hit the ball in the fairway. I think I hit 17 greens, which obviously is a big deal, but I made some putts, too, which is nice.

Q. When you see them roll in early, you get that confidence going, do you feel like something special's about to happen?

GARY WOODLAND: Yeah. I mean, I don't know if -- you don't know if you're going to shoot 11 under, but I knew I was playing well. I knew I was playing well yesterday and I felt like today I did the exact same thing. It's nice to just stay aggressive out here. This golf course suits up pretty good for me, I've had success here in the past. It's nice to be back and playing well.

Q. Last time you shot a score like that, do you remember?

GARY WOODLAND: No. I mean, I've shot 63 a couple times on Tour. 61's definitely the lowest I've shot in a while. I shot 59 in a Monday qualifier. I've had some things going.

Q. Just talk a little bit about being in contention heading into the weekend, solo 36-hole leader.

GARY WOODLAND: Yeah. I mean, obviously the course is set up to go low out here so you've got to stay aggressive. Keep doing what I'm doing, drive the golf ball in the fairway and see some more putts go in and hopefully it's a really good week.

Q. You tied the course record that was shot in the second round when JT did it and he went on to win. Is that a good indicator hopefully for the weekend?

GARY WOODLAND: Yeah, hopefully. Obviously it means you're playing well to put up a number like that, you're doing a lot of things well and I had a lot of things clicking. Driving the golf ball well is the key out here, especially with how firm the greens are compared to normal. To be in the fairway to be able to attack is a huge deal.

Q. You've got a pretty good track record here. What is it about this course you like so much?

GARY WOODLAND: It just sets up well for me. Obviously four par 5s is nice. I can be aggressive out here, I can hit a lot of drivers, which is a huge advantage. And the other holes, you know, irons into some of the tougher holes, I'm laying back. Where other guys got to play a little more aggressive, I can lay back and be a little more conservative. The golf course just sets up good to my eye.

Q. Do you remember going that low in relation to par?

GARY WOODLAND: No. I did shoot 60 in a Monday qualifier. I didn't shoot -- I shot 60 in a Web.com qualifier in 2010, I believe. It's been a while since I shot one that low. I've shot 59 with some buddies and stuff at home, but on Tour that's my best round. It's something I'll remember.

Q. You made it to the TOUR Championship. How did you spend the couple weeks off before you got here?

GARY WOODLAND: I took a couple days off, which was much needed. It was a good finish to the year and I got back to work trying to fine tune. I'm playing four of the next five weeks. Obviously with how many tournaments we have now in the fall, it's important to get off to a good start.

Q. What's the goals for the season?

GARY WOODLAND: Continue to do what I did last year. Obviously being in contention on Sunday in a major was a big deal at the PGA, so you want to be there more often. You want to continue to give yourself chances to win and hopefully bust through that door more than once and get on the Presidents Cup.

Q. You've got a pretty good experience of making the TOUR Championship each year. Billy Horschel was saying he thought this might be -- what's going down to three playoff events might make the fall series even more important and the regular season more important overall. What's kind of your thoughts about that?

GARY WOODLAND: I'm excited about that. It definitely puts more emphasis on the regular season. Only three events, you have a big jump off from 125 to 70, after two events 70 to 30. So definitely puts an emphasis on getting off to a good start and getting inside that top-30 in the Playoffs. I don't think there will be as much movement as there has in the past, but it's exciting because it makes every week count, a little bit more important.

Q. What's the difference between yesterday and today?

GARY WOODLAND: I saw putts go in. I played the same yesterday as I did today, I've been swinging at it, starting to feel pretty good. The putter's felt great, they just didn't seem to go in yesterday and today they did.