



**GARY WOODLAND (-11)**

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**Q. Not to start on a bad note, but what's your mindset going to the second tee and from that point on, how'd you feel?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I knew I was playing well and I misjudged a wedge out of the first cut on the first hole. Every ball jumped and that one came out spinny, came out in the bunker and then I was short-sided and tried to get cute and I bladed it over the green. All in all I had a great warmup. Yesterday I didn't feel very good on the golf course, just didn't feel very comfortable and it was the best round I played in a year and a half. So I had a lot of confidence with a good warmup today, so that's what I told myself on 2, and I hit a great drive on 2 and really got momentum going and played solid all day. I hit a bad drive on 18, but outside of that, I played really, really well today.

**Q. What are you happiest with and what needs a little tinkering?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I'm happy that the putter's -- you know, it was nice to see Phil Kenyon last week. I hadn't seen him since last August, since the PGA. Spent a lot of time with him last week. The putter's felt as good as it has in a long time. Seeing putts go in has been huge, but I'm also starting to hit the golf ball well, I'm starting to control my irons, drive the golf ball semi in play the last couple days. But I'm feeling pretty good about my game compared to where I've been the last year and a half. I've got a long way to go, but when I trust what I'm doing, I'm pretty good.

**Q. You saw him in Florida?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** No, at the British Open last week.

**Q. You weren't the only one, but how big of an adventure is 18?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Eighteen's a tough golf hole. It was nice in the practice round, it was downwind. Now it's coming into the wind, the fairway slopes to the water and you want to give yourself a chance so you're trying to play down there. Left's not an easy layup as well. I got stuck there and I got fortunate, it got right of the water. It's a tough tee shot. It's a great finishing hole. The wind will be in again off tomorrow so it should be an exciting finish.

**Q. The blimp followed your shot all the way down and it followed your walk through the parking lot, too.**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I got a shortcut, I guess. It was a good break. It was unfortunate I hit it over there, but happy walking away with par after that.

**Q. If the wind blows, as bunched as the field is, what's tomorrow?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** There's still some birdie holes out there. The wind's supposed to come out of a similar direction it did today. It's definitely been picking up in the afternoons yesterday and today, but the greens are so good, there's definitely holes you're hitting irons off tees and you've got wedges in your hands. There's so many guys that are so good out here doing that. So there's going to be birdies tomorrow, you're still going to have to go low. You're just going to have to play a good round in the wind.

**Q. Did your guy Cole bring you any good luck?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** We had dinner two nights ago. He's taking credit for the last two days, I can promise you that. It was good to see him, I hadn't seen Cole in a long time. Us Jayhawks have to stick together.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I just knew I was playing well. You just had to take a step back. Fortunately, I did it on the first hole and I had 17 holes left so I had a lot of chances to make birdies and fortunately I did that.

**Q. How much did the wind play?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** The golf course is playing tough, I thought, with the wind. Definitely coming out of a different direction than it did yesterday and definitely picking up later in the date. It started to swirl a little bit and there's a lot of water out there, so you've really got to be trusting what you're doing and stay confident.