

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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GARY WOODLAND (E)



Q. Gary, this is about Tiger. Were you able to communicate with him at all with what he was dealing with today that led to him withdrawing?

GARY WOODLAND: No. I saw it, he obviously wasn't himself, just didn't look right. Saw that before the round started. It sucks. Obviously everything's better with him there and for him for his first tournament back and he couldn't come out and finish the way he wanted to, that sucks for all of us.

Q. When you say you saw it, what did you see?

GARY WOODLAND: He just didn't look right, just didn't look right. He was quieter. Obviously it's cut day, we're all trying to play well, especially the whole group's trying to focus and pick ourselves up and play well.

Yeah, it was -- I feel bad for him, he wasn't right. He definitely was trying to fight through it and I hope he's all right.

Q. Did he say anything yesterday, Gary, about not feeling well?

GARY WOODLAND: No, we didn't talk about that. We were talking -- I hadn't seen him in a while so we were catching up on a lot of stuff. Like I said, it's unfortunate because you want to go out the way -- you want the game to talk and unfortunately he wasn't able to do that. I feel for him because I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him. I hope he gets back. His game looked right, his putting was nice, speed's up for sure. His game's going to be in a good spot.

Q. Gary, what's it make of your confidence to make the cut?

GARY WOODLAND: It was nice. Obviously just to show up at these signature events with no cut, it would have been nice to play four rounds, but for me to come out and actually make the cut and actually grind coming down the stretch, I haven't been in position to really do that. Maybe Torrey a little bit. But it was nice because I got some juices and some energy flowing that I haven't had in a long time. And to make a birdie on 17 was a big deal for me, so I'm excited about that. My game's trending in the right direction, so for me to play two more rounds is a big deal for me.

Q. When you started this comeback, was there kind of stages you thought in your mind, get on the course, make a cut and move on?



GARY WOODLAND: No, my expectation is to show up and win. Maybe that's unrealistic. When I showed up at Sony, obviously I was very rusty, but I could hit every shot. It's a matter if I could do it for four rounds, which I didn't do. But I'm not showing up thinking about making a cut. If I do that, it's probably time for me to hang 'em up.

Q. How much trust have you gained in your --

GARY WOODLAND: Unbelievable. Last week I shot a million I think the first round, but for me to come back and shoot 4 under, I didn't play great but I just needed to see that. I just needed it. I told my caddie, I called my wife when I got done, I was like it wasn't great but I needed that. I hadn't played a round like that in a long time. And like I said, today grinding down the stretch, I didn't play as well as I did yesterday, but to fight through it, it just shows me that it's all trending in the right direction.

Q. (No microphone.) When something like that happens, does it do anything different for you?

GARY WOODLAND: Last week it would have been frustrating. Now I know what I did so it was -- it's easier to get over when you know what you did. That's been a lot of work with Butch and a lot of work with my team, but I knew exactly what I did when I did it and that makes it a lot easier for me.

Q. It was terrible.

GARY WOODLAND: Yeah, it was a horrible shot, it was awful, especially when I was playing well, I'd just come off eagle. That was frustrating.

Q. Is there anything you have to do recovery wise?

GARY WOODLAND: I'll need a rest. I can't really go practice like I used to. I'll go hit a couple putts. But yesterday I was in bed by 6:00 last night, I was pretty tired. I won't be far behind that tonight. I'm getting old.

