

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT:  
GRAEME McDOWELL & GARY WOODLAND  
Friday, December 12, 2014**



**DAVE SENKO:** Well, Graeme and Gary, 9-under 63 today, maybe just get us started, talk about your day. Looks like three, four, seven birdies and that eagle on No. 13. Graeme, do you want to start?

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** Yeah, I'll start. Yeah, we both hit the ball beautiful today. Sort of left a few out there, you know the putters went cold around the turn, both of them. And the eagle on 13 kind of kickstarted a nice finish to the round there. Like I say, tee to green we both drove it well. Iron play was really sharp, wedge play was sharp. It was nice to pick a few up coming in. I feel like the way we're both playing we'll have a nice shot tomorrow in a very volatile format in the best ball but looking forward to the opportunity.

**GARY WOODLAND:** Yeah, it was nice. Like G-Mac said, we hit the ball beautifully today. We gave ourselves a bunch of opportunities. There's only one hole where we had any bit of trouble on 8 there, that was about it. We drove the ball in play. We had opportunities to choose which one we wanted to play depending on the numbers. We gave ourselves a bunch of putts. We didn't make many. It was nice to see the ball go in on the last hole. Hopefully that gets the lid off us for tomorrow.

**DAVE SENKO:** The eagle at 13, what was the shot sequence on that?

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** It was a Gary Woodland special tee shot leaving me about 48 yards to the flag. I managed to nip it nicely and nice to see that one going in. Like I say, we needed a little something to happen. The putters have gone a little cold and that kickstarted some good play. Gary's driver is such a weapon. It's pretty fun to have the opportunity to play off that tee shot.

**DAVE SENKO:** Did you say it was 48?

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** 48 yards.

**DAVE SENKO:** What did you hit?

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** It was it was a 58 degree. Wasn't much of one.

**DAVE SENKO:** Any long putts today?

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** No, that was it. That was the highlight. We had a couple of pivotal ones. Chip-in on 10 from G-Dub yesterday was the pivotal moment of the round, and the hole-out today on 13 was pivotal just from that momentum. Two balls

in play tomorrow, we should get a little more rhythm in putting strokes. We're only three back in, like I say, a very volatile format. Looking forward to it. Like I say, both playing well.

**Q. Gary, you were in a lot of discomfort yesterday on the course. How much treatment did you have last night and how much better are you feeling today?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Yeah, I went under treatment an hour and a half before I played all day yesterday and my trainer was with me. And then from when we got done until he left my room about 10:00 last night. I was icing, stretching, doing everything I could, needling. It was nice. Without him I wouldn't have been able to play so it was nice. Obviously I had a partner who played really well yesterday which allowed me to get better today. G-Mac could have easily said I'm going to go find somebody else yesterday and hung with me. I got better today and hopefully I can continue that, and if I do that, I should do pretty good tomorrow.

**Q. Excuse the pun, how much would it ease the pain to win this tomorrow?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** It would ease it a lot. I'm off for five weeks after this so I knew that going it. Yesterday was a good format for me. If I was going to be in pain not being best ball or not being alternate shot, I didn't have to be in every hole. There's a couple shots I didn't hit where trying to save my back. Today would have been a tougher format if I was in that much discomfort. It definitely went down from if I was 30 percent yesterday, I was probably 75 percent today. So hopefully I can continue and I'll be good to go tomorrow.

**Q. Graeme, you mentioned with the volatile format that a lot could change tomorrow but with the way Jason and Cameron are playing, five, six shots, is that about the most you could be behind and hope to catch them do you think?**

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** Yeah, I think that's fair to say, five or six shots is probably the most you can come back from in this format. Two balls in play, you know, it means no one can hide. The last two days you can certainly hide a guy who's maybe not playing his best. That was kind of why I really feel like myself and Gary have a good shot tomorrow because we're both really playing well tee to green and both have rolled the ball well on the greens for no rewards. So maybe tomorrow a bit of rhythm. Only being three shots back playing with the leaders, we'll know what we have to do tomorrow and we should have some fun doing it. This is such a fun event, especially when you're playing with a good friend and someone who's got the kind of game that Gary has. We'll have a good time tomorrow regardless of what happens.

**Q. Gary, you were mentioning the putting. With a good day of putting, how many strokes do you think you could have shaved off today?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Quite a few. We left easily four, five inside 10 feet that were

pretty straight up the hill. We were hitting it so well, we were putting it in the right position. Obviously there was a really short one I missed on 9, which I don't typically do which was frustrating. But today's a tough format from a putting standpoint because you can go four, five holes without hitting a putt. It's hard to get into a rhythm. Tomorrow, if we keep continuing to hit it like we are giving yourself two opportunities, you can be a little more aggressive. Also, 10, 15, 20 feet, you don't want to run it, be too aggressive and leave your partner three feet coming back. Maybe I was a little tentative today putting, but tomorrow will be a little bit easier with two people in play.

**Q. Since Greg is here, do you guys talk briefly between rounds or not?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** We're going to do a clinic this afternoon, so I'll pick his ear. He saw something on TV today so I'll pick his ear before tomorrow.

**DAVE SENKO:** Thanks, guys.