



**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: GARY WOODLAND**  
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**Q. Gary, another solid round of golf out of you. You've been having a lot of those lately.**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Yeah, today was rough. Today was a struggle for me. I hit two fairways, my ninth and 10th hole, right in the middle of my round. I really drove the ball all over the map and I scrambled my butt off to shoot what I did. So I'm happy Butch is here, I can go get some work done, get it straightened out, but outside of that, I've been playing pretty good.

**Q. What are your impressions of the North Course?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** The golf course is great. Obviously the greens are brand new. They're bentgrass, perfect greens. Hopefully they can keep it like that and hopefully the poa stays out. But the golf course, they did a great job, opened it up, used it great. It's in great shape, it's just soft.

**Q. You hit it so far, is it a driver golf course, or looking back do you think you should have dialed it back off the tee?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** No, I think it is. Like I said, I only hit two fairways but I was able to get it up far enough where I was having wedges into the greens, so I was hitting most of the greens. I'd like to play from the fairway and attack the pins, but I was able to get it up far enough where I could hit the green.

**Q. Do you like having in-tournament lessons like you're going to take with Butch?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Yeah, because I'm sure it's something very small. It's got to be something with the setup. I've been driving it pretty good lately. I saw Butch last week, so it's something small that I overdid I'm sure and it will be a small fix.

**Q. Gary, if you could just talk about your round today and your thoughts.**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Yeah, I mean, today was a little frustrating for me. I hit two fairways, my ninth and 10th hole. So I drove it all over the map but I scrambled well. I drove it in position where I could at least get it on the green. I didn't give myself many chances for birdies, but obviously when I did, I capitalized. So it was nice to make a putt there on the last to finish at 5 under.

**Q. Just besides not being in the fairway, what did you like out there?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I mean, obviously it's nice to play fresh greens. The greens are

perfect over there. They did a great job with the redo. It's obviously bentgrass so now we'll go over to poa annua, but the golf course is in great shape. Obviously it's a little wet and a little soft, but the greens are perfect. It was nice to capitalize going off early.

**Q. And you're 5 under going to the south side, so that's always good, right?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Yeah. I mean, I've been playing good for a while, I just got a little off today which I can go fix real quick. It'll be a small fix. Butch is here, so that will be easy to get him dialed in. But I'm excited about where I'm at and looking forward to the rest of the week.