ROUND 1 INTERVIEW June 27, 2019



GARY WOODLAND (+1)

Q. Gary, nice way to battle back. If we can just get some comments on your day.

GARY WOODLAND: Yeah, I was off from the start. Probably had the best warm-up session of the year, was great on the range. My timing was off. I was probably really excited to play today. I was excited to be out there. The energy, the fans were amazing. Crowds were huge, which was awesome. I was just quick. My lower body, I hit everything right all day. Kind of settled in there late and I made some putts late, which was nice. It was nice. I was trying to get it back to two over par when I got to five and it was nice to get it to one, give myself a chance to play three more days.

Q. I wanted to ask you about the energy. This is the first tournament in Detroit proper. What's the experience been like?

GARY WOODLAND: The fans have been awesome really since Tuesday. There was a huge crowd for a Tuesday. Today the energy was amazing, very positive, so it's great. They showed up to support this tournament and it's fun to be here.

Q. Winning a U.S. Open and all that came with it, did that affect today at all?

GARY WOODLAND: I mean, preparation did. I definitely didn't get prepared as much as I like to, but that's no excuse. I came out here -- like I said, the warm-up was great on the range, timing was just off, but I can fix that. I'll go home and get some rest and we'll be back at it early in the morning.

Q. How do you come off the U.S. Open and compete in another tournament? I'm sure throughout everything you've done, the celebration of it all, no regrets about the process.

GARY WOODLAND: No, not at all. I've enjoyed every moment. Like I said, I probably didn't get as prepared as I would like to here Tuesday, but the golf course is in great shape and there's birdies out there. It was nice to get back to one over and hopefully have a good round in the morning.

Q. What do you think you've got to get to to make the cut? It's got to be pretty aggressive.

GARY WOODLAND: Probably four, but it's definitely out there. Obviously you saw 9 under out there today and there's four par 5s that I can get home to, drive the ball in play and attack from there.