

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
**August 1, 2025**

**GARY WOODLAND (-9)**



**Q. Gary, great playing today, an albatross, what was clicking for you today and how do you feel about your position?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Happy with the position. I've been playing well for a while, and Randy Smith, my coach, has been bugging me to stay patient, just try to hit the shot that's required and have fun. When you're not getting the results you want, that's the hardest part is probably to have a little fun. So reminding me to enjoy what I'm doing out here. I'm in a lot better place than I was a year ago, so trying to enjoy it a little bit. It was nice to see some go in today.

**Q. And then the albatross, can you talk through that hole and just your club, what you hit?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** The key is obviously get it in the fairway and give yourself a chance. I hit a nice drive, had 186 hole, we were trying to land it 183 and the wind was a little in so we thought it was a perfect 7-iron and it came off right where we were looking, landed 183, landed three short. Nice to see the crowd go nuts to make sure it went in. It was a good shot, but it was a lot of luck and one that I'll remember, for sure.

**Q. I know you said the crowd kind of verified it, but what did you see?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I mean, from that far away you're just, I'm hoping the crowd goes nuts first and then I'll know the ball disappeared. You can't tell if it went behind the pin or not. Somebody yelled "go in" when it landed and so that was a nice bonus for sure.

**Q. Have you ever had one?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I've had one. I was in high school so it was 20-some years ago with the same club. So I told Butchie to give me more 7-irons into par 5s, it's obviously good luck.

**Q. Do you remember what hole and where?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** It was No. 3 at Shawnee Country Club, a course I grew up on back home in Topeka. Hole No. 3.

**Q. You were talking about wanting to have fun. I know that's probably hard to do this week, but can you play with freedom in a situation like this?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** First of all, I'm tired, my brain's tired. I want to keep playing obviously



the next four weeks, but I need time off too. My brain needs to recover still. I'm tired.

Excited for the Ryder Cup, so I'll have some time off before that, which will be nice. Then we'll see about maybe shutting it down after that.

I'm very fortunate to be where I am and it's nice to get reminded of that sometimes, especially when you feel like you're playing well and you don't get any results, it gets frustrating. So reminding myself to stay patient and enjoy it. A lot worse things I could be doing than out here playing golf so I'm excited to be out here.

**Q. And this course hasn't been all that kind to you in the past. What's the difference?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I think for the most part a long stretch of my career I was playing really well and I took a week off. When I first got out we had four weeks in the Playoffs, so I typically didn't play here as much. I love the golf course. I think the last couple years when I've been coming and playing I haven't been playing very well. So it's nice to come in feeling my game's in a better spot and have a little easier to enjoy it when your game's playing a little better.

**Q. What are you thoughts on the weekend?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** Just to stay patient. I'm going to go rest now, won't practice much. Just to keep doing what I'm doing. Coach keeps telling me hit the shot that's in front of me, hit the shot that's required and enjoy it, that's what I'm going to do.

**Q. What does rest mean to you? Do you binge watch --**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I'll get some treatment now and then I'll get in a dark room for an hour and let my brain recover.

**Q. When's the last time you've been on kind of a bubble like this?**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I went four, five years there where I was 30th going into the BMW and I think I got through almost every time. I've been on the bubble before. I came here before around 126, 127 I think in 2012. So the good thing is for where I am and how I feel, I can't look ahead, I've got to focus on where I am right now.

**Q. Does the body react a little differently in a week like this or have you done it so much --**

**GARY WOODLAND:** I've done it a lot. It reacted different yesterday, it was so hot. The first eleven holes yesterday was brutal. This cloud cover's nice. It's supposed to be nice this weekend so I'm excited about that.

**Q. And last thing, Randy, the message of having more fun out there, is that**



**something this week or in the last couple --**

**GARY WOODLAND:** It's been the last -- I've been playing well. My game's been in a good spot for a couple months, I just haven't put it together. So the message has been there for a couple months and it was nice to finally see some results. And he keeps telling me to smile, so that last nine holes makes me smile for sure.

