

**ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**TOMMY GAINEY (-14)**

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**Q. Tommy, what were your expectations for the Champions Tour and did winning this fast exceed it?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** You know, always, since I've been playing golf on the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry, Nationwide, which is Korn Ferry Tour now, it's always been to win. When I tee it up, I plan on winning.

But we all know that golf is such a hard game to play, if not the hardest by far. Sometimes you get beat up every week and it just so happened that this week God took care of me. He deserves the glory, not me. I just play golf. He gave me this ability to do so and I'm very thrilled to have it.

**Q. The 64 in the Valley in the qualifier, did you feel something good was happening maybe because of that while you were in the process of playing?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** It's hard to say because I've Monday qualified four out of five tournaments, and one of them I Monday qualified and finished like tied for third or fourth I think and that got me into the next week, which was, I think it was Calgary. I Mondayed in, I finished third or fourth. That got me into Flint, Michigan.

So listen, it's tough, it's tough out here, these Mondays. Listen, they have three spots and you feel like these guys can still play. I mean, it's just really hard because three spots ain't a lot. You've got to figure that if you've got 40 or 50 or 60 players, you're going to have one or two guys go low. So you've got to shoot 6 under or better to have a chance at getting one of those three spots, and that ain't easy.

**Q. But when you did, did you feel some pretty good vibes coming into this tournament?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** When I shot 8 under at the Dye's Valley, I felt good about the 8 under but I wasn't 100 percent certain I was going to get in because, I mean, when I got done there were like six or seven groups left out there. That's a lot of players, say 20 players left out there. That's a lot of players. For three spots? That's a lot of stress.

**Q. There's a lot of guys could have won this today. Did you feel like it was going to take some kind of sensational shot, something special like you did on 14 with the eagle?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** You know, my goal coming in this tournament was just trying to top-10. If



I couldn't win the tournament, it's top-10 to try to get that spot into the next week at the SAS and Cary. That was the No. 1 goal. It's always to win, but just me doing all these Mondays and having no status, I mean, I've got to take it as it comes. I've got to be really on my game if I'm going to compete out here because these guys can still play.

**Q. What did you hit into 14?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** Fourteen, I hit a 9-iron.

**Q. What was your number?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** I had 158, but the wind was playing tricks up there.

**Q. I'm sorry, the hole before the par 5. The par 5 where you made the eagle?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** I hit 9-iron. I had 158 and hit 9-iron because the wind, I felt like it was in off the left but it kept swirling so much this week, it's just been crazy.

**Q. And what was your -- how long was the putt?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** I mean, that putt had to be, I don't know, 30 feet maybe.

**Q. You were happy just getting it close?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** I was trying to just get it close and just have a tap-in birdie, but as everybody's seen if they watched it on TV, I dropped to my knees and then the ball finally dropped in the hole. That was a really, I think that was the moment of this tournament for me, or at least for today.

**Q. Matt Gogel came off the green after you guys had finished and said, "Great guy, great story." What's that mean to hear something like that from your peers?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** It's awesome. I can't -- I mean, I can't put into words how I feel now. I can't also put into words what I think about a lot of these guys, especially Jim and Tabitha Furyk because I've known them for a long time, we're good friends. I mean, how can you not like Jim and Tabitha? They do so much for charity. They give up their time so much to help other people. To me, people like that, very hard to find. I'm just glad to call them a friend, and also glad to win there are tournament.

**Q. Is it cool for you all these years later to still resonate with casual fans, with Tommy Two Gloves? I know it's been a long time but it seems to still resonate around when you're walking around 18 holes.**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** It's awesome to hear the people say, you know, "Great shot, Tommy, we're pulling for you." It's awesome because let's face it, there's not a lot of people like me



out here. Let's just face it. I mean, the other guys that would be close to my background is Boo Weekley and Heath Slocum. Those two guys would be pretty close to kind of the same background that I come from. I'm very lucky, and it warms my heart that they're still pulling for me and still giving me the support that I'm getting right now.

**Q. It's a great example that you can have success in this sport and not come from a country club background, is that the -- that should inspire a lot of kids?**

**TOMMY GAINEY:** It should. It's all about hard work paying off. I mean, if you've got dreams, go for it. Everybody dreams, everybody has a dream. They want to be this or they want to be that. It just so happened that my dream was to play on the PGA TOUR, be a winner and live my life out here. Now that I've turned 50, I'm on the Champions Tour and loving every minute of it out here.

