



## 2011 Transitions Championship

*(The 13<sup>th</sup> of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)*

**Palm Harbor, FL March 14-20, 2011 FedEx Cup Points: 500/1st Purse: \$5,500,000/\$990,000-1st  
Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club (Copperhead) Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,332**

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 20, 2011

#### Weather

Mostly sunny with highs in the low-80s and winds from the ENE at 10-15 mph.

#### Final Leaderboard

Gary Woodland	67-68-67-67—269 (-15)
Webb Simpson	67-67-67-69—270 (-14)
Scott Stallings	66-70-66-70—272 (-12)
Brandt Snedeker	72-64-67-70—273 (-11)
Chris Couch	69-64-70-71—274 (-10)
Brendon de Jonge	69-66-66-73—274 (-10)
Martin Laird	66-70-68-70—274 (-10)
Justin Rose	70-65-65-74—274 (-10)
Roland Thatcher	68-67-69-70—274 (-10)
Marc Turnesa	68-67-73-66—274 (-10)

#### Recap

Gary Woodland made a clutch 11-foot par save on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to post 15-under-par 202 and then watched Webb Simpson make bogey at No. 18 after a poor chip from the back fringe to win his first PGA TOUR event. Woodland's par at the 18<sup>th</sup> on Sunday was his only par on the back nine in the final round. After falling one stroke behind Simpson when he failed to get up and down from the greenside bunker at the par-4 16<sup>th</sup>, Woodland rifled a 5-iron shot to within 16 feet at the 215-yard, par-3 17<sup>th</sup> and converted the putt to move back into a temporary tie with Simpson who was in the group behind him.

#### Gary Woodland

He wins his first PGA TOUR event in his 33rd career start and joins Carl Pettersson (2005) as just the second player to make the Transitions Championship his initial victory on the circuit. It's also victory No. 299 for an alumnus of the Nationwide Tour.

He becomes the third player to win the Transitions Championship in his first appearance in the event, joining John Huston (2000) and Retief Goosen (2003).

He becomes the second-youngest winner of the Transitions Championship (26 years, 9 months, 27 days) and becomes the fourth player in his 20s to win on the PGA TOUR this year (Jhonattan Vegas, Aaron Baddeley, Nick Watney).

He earns 500 FedEx Cup points and vaults jumps up 15 places into third place in the season-long race with 945 total points. Mark Wilson still leads this year's FedEx Cup with 1,086 points and Nick Watney remains in second place with 960 points.

After losing in a playoff to Jhonatthan Vegas (Bob Hope Classic) earlier this year, Woodland now joins Vegas and D.A. Points (AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am) as the third first-time winner on the PGA TOUR this year.

After a run of five consecutive international winners from 2002-2006, he becomes the fourth American player in the last five years to win the Transitions Championship (Mark Calcavecchia/2007, Sean O'Hair/2008, Jim Furyk/2010). The only non-American during this recent run at Innisbrook was South African Retief Goosen's second victory on the Copperhead Course in 2009

Gary Woodland ranked seventh in Driving Distance this week and hit just six of 13 fairways in the final round.

However, the key to his victory was that he only had 23 total putts in the final round, including just 10 putts on the back nine on Sunday. Woodland was 17 for 17 on putts of 20 feet or less in the final round.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Marc Turnesa, playing on a Major Medical Extension this year, posted the day's low round, a 5-under-par 66, which vaulted him up 24 spots into a T5, his first top-10 finish in a PGA TOUR event since winning the 2008 Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas. Turnesa injured a disc in his back at the 2010 Honda Classic and did not play again on TOUR until the Timberlake event in October (T50) that year. Prior to today, Turnesa had missed three cuts in five starts in 2011 and his previous-best finish was a T58 in his last start at the Honda Classic.

Scott Stallings, a rookie on the PGA TOUR this year, who was making just his seventh start, finished solo third at the Transitions Championship. It was the best finish ever by a sponsor's exemption at this event and earned Stallings a spot in the field at the Shell Houston Open in two weeks. Prior to today, Stallings had made just one cut in his TOUR career, a T42 at last week's Puerto Rico Open.

Brandt Snedeker managed to post a final-round 70 and his solo fourth this week at the Transitions Championship was his third top-10 finish in seven starts this year. It was also his best performance since a T5 at last fall's Deutsche Bank Championship. Snedeker was not originally scheduled to play here, but the early birth of his first child, Lily Hayes on March 3, allowed him to enter this week's event.

Here is how the top four finishers performed this week on Holes 16-17-18 (The Snake Pit):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Par-4, No. 16</b>	<b>Par-3, No. 17</b>	<b>Par-4, No. 18</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gary Woodland	Even	-2	-1	-3
Webb Simpson	-1	-2	Even	-3
Scott Stallings	Even	Even	+1	+1
Brandt Snedeker	Even	Even	Even	Even

Gary Woodland played the Bear Trap on Sunday in even par, becoming the first Transitions Championship winner since K.J. Choi in 2006 who didn't play the holes cumulative over par in the final round. Jim Furyk (2010), Retief Goosen (2009) and Sean O'Hair (2008) all played the Bear Trap in 1-over on Sunday en route to victory. Mark Calcavecchia (2007) was a cumulative 2-over on Sunday. Choi was a cumulative 1-under for these three holes when he won in 2006.

Nick Watney's 2-over 73 today left him T13 this week, ending his streak of top-10 finishes at seven straight dating back to when he finished T15 at the BMW Championship on 9/12/2010. Watney's recent run began with a T4 at THE TOUR Championship. His 73 on the Copperhead Course was his first over-par final round in 2011.

After 32 players recorded sub-70 scores yesterday, there were just 17 rounds in the 60s today.

Gary Woodland and Scott Stallings led the field with 22 birdies apiece.

Defending champion Jim Furyk carded a final-round 70 and finished T13 this week.

World No. 1 Martin Kaymer of Germany posted a final-round 69 to finish T20 in his first appearance at the Transitions Championship.

### **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1 – Paul Casey (64), Martin Laird (66), Joe Durant (67), Kevin Sutherland (68), Blake Adams (68), Sergio Garcia (68), Roland Thatcher (68), J.J. Henry (68); R2 – Chris Couch (64), Sergio Garcia (66), Spencer Levin (68), Ricky Barnes (67), Bill Lunde (69), Chris Tidland (68); R3 – Justin Rose (65), Brendon de Jonge (66), Jim Furyk (69), Kent Jones (66), George McNeill (68); R4 – Martin Kaymer (69), Joe Durant (69), Stuart Appleby (70).

### **Scoring Averages at the par-71 Copperhead Course at Innisbrook Resort:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Thursday	35.826	34.993	70.819	----
Friday	35.762	35.217	70.979	70.889
Saturday	34.444	34.431	69.875	70.694
Sunday	35.833	35.431	71.431	70.817

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