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**TOMMY “TWO GLOVES” GAINNEY SETS COURSE RECORD, BECOMES SEASON’S FIRST TWO-TIME WINNER ON THE NATIONWIDE TOUR**

*A. O. Smith Sponsored Player Jumps to No. 1 on Nationwide Tour Money List*

**Ashland City, Tenn. (July 19, 2010)** – Former A. O. Smith employee and sponsored player Tommy “Two Gloves” Gainney got his second Nationwide Tour win at the Chiquita Classic at TPC River’s Bend in Cincinnati this week.

Gainney shot a 62 on Saturday, a course record at River’s Bend. Through the third round, his score of 24 under matched the Nationwide Tour record. Gainney shot a 69 on Sunday to finish at 27 under and win the tournament. His final score equaled the second-lowest finish in Nationwide Tour history.

His overall performance at the Chiquita Classic pushed him to the No. 1 spot on the Nationwide Tour money list. The 25 leading money winners at the end of the year will earn PGA TOUR cards for 2011. Gainney’s track record practically guarantees his return to the PGA TOUR in 2011.

“I’m relieved that I was able to stay focused considering I wasn’t hitting great all day,” Gainney said. “This was a pivotal win for me, and I’m thrilled for a chance to return to the PGA TOUR.”

“A big congratulations goes out to Tommy for his record-setting win yesterday,” said Ajita Rajendra, president, A. O. Smith Water Products Company. “As one of Tommy’s biggest fans, A. O. Smith is excited about his opportunity to return to the PGA TOUR.”

South Carolina native Gainney starred on The Golf Channel’s *Big Break II* and was asked back to compete on *Big Break VII: The Reunion at Reunion*, where he walked away with the winner’s trophy. In December 2008, Gainney earned his PGA TOUR card when he finished tied for 19th at the PGA Q-School.

Gainney is sponsored by his former employer, A. O. Smith, North America’s leading manufacturer and marketer of residential and commercial water heaters and hydronic boilers.

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