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TOMMY “TWO GLOVES” GAINNEY SECURES NATIONWIDE TOUR WIN

A. O. Smith Sponsored Player Snags Melwood Prince George’s County Open

Ashland City, Tenn. (June 8, 2010) – Former A. O. Smith employee and sponsored player, Tommy “Two Gloves” Gainney, won the Melwood Prince George’s County Open, his first career title on the Nationwide Tour.

Gainney secured the title with a 72nd hole birdie and final-round, 6-under 65 at the University of Maryland Golf Course in College Park this past weekend.

“I’m thrilled, this is a big win for me,” Gainney said. “The competition was fierce, and I really had to focus on key holes to gain the lead.”

The victory moved Gainney from No. 18 to No. 2 on the Nationwide Tour money list, and the win will go a long way in securing a spot on the 2011 PGA TOUR.

“We are excited about Tommy’s victory on the Nationwide Tour,” said Ajita Rajendra, president, A. O. Smith Water Products Company. “He is such a talented, driven player, and we are very proud of his accomplishment.”

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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