

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW****March 10, 2018****TOM PERNICE, JR. (-8)**

TOM PERNICE, JR.: Just not a very good finish, unfortunately. I played pretty solid most of the day, just didn't get the ball close to the hole very often. Had some front pins, and front pins are difficult still to get to. Made a sloppy bogey on the par 3 13 after hitting probably the best shot all week with a 6-iron. Landed five feet from the hole and rolled over the back and then hit a bad chip, so that was a little unfortunate.

Then made a mistake on the last hole. Hit a gust of wind, caught the edge and spun back in the bunker.

Q. Did you expect the greens to play shorter today and how did you make the adjustments speed-wise?

TOM PERNICE, JR.: They were not much slower necessarily. I mean, with the moisture on them, standing water there a little bit, but trying to judge how the ball was going to react, shots into the green, you know, was the tough part because it was slightly into the wind. After it took the first bounce, it had a good chance to spin back. The downwind holes, the ball still released, it took the first big bounce but didn't spin back. So it's still a little bit tough to get it close at times.

Q. Was it playing a lot longer? I mean, McCarron was here and talked about on 18 how short he was on his second shot on 18, that surprised him a little bit.

TOM PERNICE, JR.: Well, it's uphill, it's into the wind and it's colder, so yeah, it's going to play longer. But 16 was a wedge. You're going straight uphill and you're going straight into the wind, so yeah, 18's longer. My third shot got caught up in the wind and it hit on the green and spun back in the bunker, so yeah.

Q. How much did you have on your third shot?

TOM PERNICE, JR.: I had 108 yards, I think. Hit a pitching wedge and it came up short.

Q. Scott said he hit driver and 3-wood and had 70 yards in, normally he gets there in two.

TOM PERNICE, JR.: Yeah. You know, the moisture in the air and a little cooler and into the wind. It's not going to roll much going up the hill, either, on your tee shot when it's into the wind.

Q. How do you feel about tomorrow?

TOM PERNICE, JR.: I feel fine. I hit the ball better today actually. So like I said, I just didn't have that many opportunities and didn't capitalize. I think I played the par 5s maybe 1 over and yesterday I played them 3 under. That was probably the difference.

Q. Yesterday you made some very big putts and some big up-and-downs, two big up-and-downs?

TOM PERNICE, JR.: Two, 8 and 9.

Q. But today you made -- it seemed like you made a significant number of putts that could have been missed, too. How do you feel about your putting? Do you feel pretty good about it?

TOM PERNICE, JR.: I feel great, putting the ball pretty good, yeah. Hit a pretty good putt on the last hole, just broke at the very end. I feel good about it. The stroke feels good, everything feels pretty good really.