

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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SCOTT HOCH
TOM PERNICE, JR. (- 9 OZ)



Q. All right, boys, a lot of birdies on that scorecard there. What was working today?

TOM PERNICE, JR.: Scott was.

SCOTT HOCH: I got going early and I just kept filling it up and hitting some good shots. I told him early, I said, "Hey, I'll get the front, you get the back," and that's kind of what happened. I'll tell you what is tough coming in, it was tough getting the ball anywhere near these -- had some tough winds on these. Should have birdied 17, that's a short hole. But everything else was tough coming in, so we just couldn't add to it.

Q. Tom, being a Kansas City guy, do you feel more pressure to win this or do you want to more than maybe another tournament?

TOM PERNICE, JR.: No, not really. I think it's just nice to come out here and play well. It's nice to get off to a good start. I think it's important to get off to a good start in this format and to get this course done and now we can go over and play the same greens on the par 3 two days in a row.

So I think it's great to get over here and get a good start. Like I said, Scott really got us off to a good start on the front nine. And really, we just kind of played really good the first 12 or 13 and then the last three, last four holes were pretty good coming in, made some pars. All in all, it was pretty good. I missed some putts early. We really could have had a good front nine. I had two or three pretty good looks.

SCOTT HOCH: He hit some good putts that didn't go in. Then he hit another one on the back side that did a little 90-degree around the hole.

TOM PERNICE, JR.: All in all, it was a great start.

Q. What about each other's games that kind of work off of each other?

SCOTT HOCH: You make birdies and you work off of birdies.

TOM PERNICE, JR.: No, we've been doing this long enough, we just kind of play our own game. I can help a little bit maybe on the greens, and I kind of gave him some lines and he kept hitting them and rolling them in, so that's pretty good.

SCOTT HOCH: The key, like always is when you play any type of two-man thing, is have

two shots at it. We were effective a few of the times, but not most of the time. So when we only had one guy in, it's amazing how many times that person made it when we only had one guy in the hole, so that was good. But typically you want two good shots at it.

And we took advantage of it a few times, but for the most part we made some good putts when the other guy wasn't in birdie position.

Q. How much does that help to have somebody if you're feeling down to look over and be like, "No, I've got you."

TOM PERNICE, JR.: Yeah, he's pretty reliable.