

## ROUND 2 INTERVIEW

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SCOTT HOCH

TOM PERNICE, JR. ( - 15 TR)



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**Q. Talk about the last, on No. 18 there, that putt you put in there to go back to 15 under.**

**SCOTT HOCH:** Wasn't the putt so much, it was the shot. That's a scary shot, especially sitting there looking at it for a long time because it's so slow down there. But both of us hit shots as good as we could hit it. Mine ended up a little better and he read it just right for me, and luckily I hit it on line at the right speed.

**Q. It looked like about 14, 15 you guys gave one back and then you put in a birdie putt on the (inaudible) green.**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Yeah, on 15 I three-putted. I had a long putt back into the wind and came up short.

**SCOTT HOCH:** You hit a good shot, but it barely got on the ridge and it just kept on going 25 feet farther.

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** I hit a good second putt, so just missed on the high side. Yeah, it was nice to make that to bounce back, get us a little momentum coming in. The conditions were so tough out here, we were just hoping to hit some good, decent shots, end up the right distance and maybe have some chances. We got our way around the last nine holes. We played really good the first nine and alternate shot really helped us for the day.

**Q. That's what I was going to say, how key was that first nine that you played, because you guys had like five birdies?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Yeah, the wind was not as gusty as it was in the afternoon and you could control your ball against the wind a little bit better. We were both hitting some pretty good iron shots and we were able to capitalize on that.

**Q. (Inaudible) put you into the lead on that first nine, kind of was the fifth birdie there. Just kind of talk about that.**

**SCOTT HOCH:** It was really tough. He put it in there about a foot and a half, or maybe 15 inches. That was all him. All I had to do was touch it and it was going to go in. I looked at the board a couple times because you can't really figure (inaudible). I thought after we played so well on the alternate shot, which is much tougher usually, that the way we were hitting it we were still going to do pretty well playing best ball. It got brutal out there and I

found out or we found out that wasn't the case. We had to make some really good up-and-downs to keep our score where it was.

**Q. Just your thoughts on going into tomorrow with the lead?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Well, a lot of it's going to depend on how the weather is, whether it's going to be this gusty or it's going to settle down a little bit. If the conditions calm down a little bit and you have control of your ball, it's just about execution basically.

**Q. Scott, I know you've had some injuries, you haven't played a whole lot on the regular schedule. How good does it feel to be out here and be in contention and back in the lead?**

**SCOTT HOCH:** Well, that's probably my problem is (inaudible). He just hasn't noticed it, nobody has. No, I haven't played very well. I took these last three weeks off to work on my game and I really felt good about it, and I was starting to hit it solid like I wanted to. Actually I feel very good about how I played this week, and no matter how things go tomorrow, I feel good about the rest of the year.

**Q. How's the camaraderie? Is there a lot of talking back and forth, strategizing?**

**SCOTT HOCH:** This man's pretty serious. When he's on the golf course, he's serious. I like to joke around a little bit. Maybe I don't want to joke around quite so much.

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** It's all right.

**SCOTT HOCH:** He just goes and does his thing. He's into it. He concentrates hard. And hey, I like to have a good time and hopefully if I'm playing well, I have a good time. But we're working well because he's helping me a lot. These guys have mapped out the greens really well and really helped me with a lot of putts. I've made a lot of putts because of their reads.

**Q. Is this the first time you've been teammates?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Yeah, it is. It's nice. Scott and I go way back. We played the Tour together, we traveled all around the world. We went to Korea and played some tournaments and spent some time together. It's been a lot of fun and it's always a pleasure playing with somebody that's such a good iron player as he is.