



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: TOM PERNICE JR.
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MODERATOR: Tom, thanks for joining us. Maybe just a quick look back at your day, 4-under 68, 10-under now, looks like you trail by two. Maybe just --

TOM PERNICE JR: Had a good day today. I really hit the ball well all day. Only a couple shots I really missed all day was hit it just in the right rough at 1, but I hit it in the middle of the green from there.

Then I hit it in the right bunker at 18 and hit a good 9-iron out of it. It was a perfect club. Went down in the bunker and then pretty good bunker shot out, and then, you know, three-putted to about three feet for double.

So other than those -- the miscue on 18, really, I played a beautiful round of golf. I drove the ball well, hit a lot of good quality iron shots, had a lot of chances for birdie, so I felt really good about today.

MODERATOR: Just go through your birdies real quick. Number 3?

TOM PERNICE JR: Hit a 3-wood on the green, two-putt from 50 feet.

MODERATOR: And 9, 10 and 11?

TOM PERNICE JR: On 9, I hit an 8-iron about eight feet, made it for birdie. 10, I hit a 7-iron about seven feet for birdie. 11, two-putted from 20 feet for birdie.

MODERATOR: 15 and 17.

TOM PERNICE JR: 15 was about seven feet for birdie. 17 was about 14 feet for birdie.

MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Tom, such a, I know, disappointing last hole, but with what Calc did, it's quite a horse race now, a lot of people in the mix after his struggles on the back nine.

TOM PERNICE JR: I hasn't seen the scoreboard.

Q. You're only two back now.

TOM PERNICE JR: So I've got a good chance. I mean, good golf course, need to hit quality shots and control your ball. I'm just looking forward to the opportunity tomorrow. I've really been hitting the ball nice the last couple days, so give myself a lot of chances so I'm looking forward to tomorrow, yeah.

Q. Were you unaware that he was having some troubles and coming back to the field?

TOM PERNICE JR: I didn't really see a scoreboard until 18 and then I really didn't have a chance to look at it because I was too busy putting, but no. I saw earlier in the day where he got to 15, I think, but I hadn't seen anything since then so I was just trying to mind my own business.

Q. Maybe talk about, do you go into the evening thinking, I'm in contention, or do you go into the evening thinking about that 18th hole?

TOM PERNICE JR: No, I mean, you're going to miss some putts, some bad putts from time to time. I just didn't make a very good stroke on 18 and you move on. I mean, not the end of the world. Nobody got hurt. So go out tomorrow, plenty of golf left. If I play good tomorrow, we'll have a good chance.

MODERATOR: Thanks, Tom.