



## ROUND 3 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: TOM PERNICE, JR. Saturday, November 1, 2014

**DAVE SENKO:** Well, Tom, even par 70 today. Kenny was just in here and talking about the difficulty today. Maybe if you would like to share some thoughts on your round today.

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Well, for one, we had a different wind. It was more out of the southwest, so that was one thing as we saw a different wind that we hadn't seen yet, so that obviously brought a little bit of intrigue into most people's game. But, you know, anytime you get a little bit of wind blowing and firm greens, it's always going to be tough.

Jay and I both struggled a little bit today, didn't help each other out much, not much momentum going there. I played good at times. I had my opportunities, I just didn't convert very well. I hit some good shots in there for birdies and just wasn't able to convert from time to time. I hit some bad shots. I hit a terrible tee shot on 8, pulled it in the desert and was lucky enough to have a putt for par after taking an unplayable, and a gust of wind, missed about an eight or nine-footer.

And then 11, my other bogey, straight downwind, hit a good looking shot and it landed 10 or 12 yards short of the pin and went another 15 yards past up on the hill, hit a good chip and then missed about a six-footer. It was a tough club to pull, a 200-yard shot to hit a 7-iron. I hit a 6, I thought I was doing pretty good to hit the 6 and it still went over.

And 17 I hit a terrible, hit the wrong shot, wasn't committed and hit it up in the desert and made a good scrambling bogey.

Nice birdie at 13, though. Nice birdie at 15, the par 5, I hit two really good shots in there and chased back over the green and I hit a beautiful pitch to about a foot. And then nice up-and-down from the front of the green on 18. I hit a good drive and 6-iron and thought it was going to be right in the middle of the green and came up short, hit a good pitch and made about a seven, eight footer.

**DAVE SENKO:** What did you hit on 13?

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Just a pitching wedge down the hill there.

**DAVE SENKO:** How close?

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** 18 feet, 15, 18 feet.

**Q. Everything changed in a very brief time. How was the dynamic different now, we've got a different guy leading? There's a bunch of guys in contention where for a while there it looked like one guy had the thing in real good shape but now there's a whole different dynamic?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** You know, when you get some tough conditions, and he struggled, that obviously brings all the field back and that's what happened today obviously. It can happen. Two things that are tough in scoring are firm greens and wind, and we had a little bit of both. So we're all human and things can happen. Jay may come back tomorrow and shoot 65 and win. It's a fickle Very seldom is it the same every day, so you're just going to have to deal with it, try to get through it. We both had some struggles out there today and hit some poor shots, but we both still have a good opportunity.

**Q. Kenny was saying that he would like to see the greens just as firm as they have been or were today. How about you?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Yeah, I don't have any problem with that. I mean, you have to pay attention to where you're trying to land the ball instead of just flying it to the flag. You know, I think we all enjoy firm and fast conditions, you know. Some front pins are obviously difficult, you just have to hit them past and take your medicine from time to time. But no, I think the golf course is set up beautifully. It doesn't mean that it's easy, but it's set up beautifully and I think it's set up fair.

**Q. I was going to say even par is pretty good today.**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Well, I don't know if it's pretty good. There were some good scores out there, I think. Like I said, I hit some loose shots and it cost me. I hung in there a little bit, but the tee shot at 8 was pretty bad and the tee shot at 17 up in the desert, those are the two shots I would like to have back. Other than that, you know, I hit a few bad shots but I was able to save around the greens with them.

**Q. It took you quite a while to find a place to take the drop on the unplayable.**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Well, yeah, it was in the middle of the desert.

**Q. I know.**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** I'd done the hard thing. I hit my next one perfect right down the middle, I didn't want to have to go back and do it again, so I went back about 40 or 50 yards to the other fairway and had a relatively clear shot and I hit a very good shot to get it down there and I hit a really good pitch. I had a tough pitch left and hit it in there about pin high about eight feet. Really, I think a gust of wind just blew it right off.

**Q. Were you surprised at all about the fact that Jay wasn't all that sharp on the front?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Well, you know, you don't expect Jay to struggle like he did. Obviously he's played so good for so many rounds and all year. You know, you get a little bit off and miss-club a couple times and don't get it up and down and you hit a few bad shots, I mean, it can happen. But yeah, I don't think anybody expected Jay to shoot four or five over par out there. We just didn't have any momentum between the two of us.

**Q. So when it's going like that, you've got tough conditions, the wind, are you guys talking about that?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** No, no.

**Q. Or are you talking about other stuff?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** No, we're talking about other stuff. We're not trying to make it harder than it is. I mean, bad shots caused a lot of it. You know, if both guys are playing pretty good, you can kind of get in a rhythm, but when you're both having a tough day and struggling, you try to put your head down and pay attention and do what you can. But it should be fun tomorrow. There's a lot of us in there with a chance so you're going to have to play well again tomorrow. I think probably very similar conditions, a little bit cooler and still some breeze, so I expect it should be good.