

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**June 12, 2022**



**TOM PERNICE, JR. (-13)**

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**Q. Tom, it was an interesting day. We weren't quite sure how this leaderboard was going to ferret out. At what point did you feel in it, at what point did you feel you maybe might win it?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Well, I didn't know if I ever was really going to win it. I kind of went out today and I thought, well, 14 would be a good place to kind of get to and just kind of crept myself along the way there. Made the three birdies in a row at 13, 14 and 15, or 14, 15, 16, gave myself a good chance. Then 17 and 18 are always going to be difficult, but I misclubbed a little bit on 17. I hit a beautiful shot right over the pin long and two-putted, which was nice. And 18 I gave myself a good look at a 12-footer right up the hill. I played it inside the left and it broke just outside the hole. I kind of felt like I needed to have that one. I'm happy for Thongchai. He had a little bad break there on 16 to hit the trees and lose the ball, so to battle back and make a bogey and then to birdie 17, he deserves to win.

**Q. What was the difference for you today? What was the difference for you this week?**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** I just started playing better. After the Senior PGA, I was playing bad and my good friend Charlie Wi helped me a little bit and gave me some advice and helped me with my swing. Worked hard on it in Des Moines last week, had some signs of playing a little better and then played pretty steady again this week all week. Slowly but surely some of the tips that he's gave me are really paying off and helping. So just continue to work hard and try to keep getting in the hunt.

**Q. So in the big picture, what you did this week kind of -- you know, it comes at a good time in terms of giving you that positive momentum going forward.**

**TOM PERNICE, JR.:** Yeah, I haven't played very well for two or three years. So yeah, for a couple weeks in a row starting hitting the ball better, putted a little better, but hitting the ball's been mostly the problem. I think Charlie's helped me a little bit and hopefully we're on the right track and continue to work hard.