

Viking Classic  
Annandale Country Club  
Madison, MS

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Tournament quotes:

### QUICK QUOTES FROM TOM PERNICE JR.

Q. Take us through the 18th, exactly what you did.

**TOM PERNICE JR.:** I pretty much knew that I wasn't going to be able to reach in two. So I just cut a drive off the tee and put it in position and laid up with a 4 iron. I had 86 yards, and I hit me a nice little -- nice penetrating sand wedge in there, beautiful shot behind the hole, and I rolled back down. I had a perfect putt up the hill six or seven feet for birdie. Just needed to make a good firm stroke, maybe just outside the right edge and all that good stuff. Looked like I pulled it.

Q. Talk about being just in contention on this thing at the back nine. How are you feeling going through the back nine?

**TOM PERNICE JR.:** Felt pretty good.

Q. You knew you were close?

**TOM PERNICE JR.:** I had a pretty good idea. There's not a lot of leaderboards out there, but I knew basically when I made the turn, I birdied 10. I knew I was in pretty good shape. Just a couple more leaderboards. I knew I was right there. Unfortunately, I three-putted 14, misjudged the putt up the hill, and missed my second putt. Rebounded nicely and made a good birdie at 17 that put me in shape. I had a chance at 18. You can't ask for a whole lot more. I just didn't execute and didn't hit it as well as I like.

Q. What does this second place do for you in that category for tournaments? Does it get you any more?

**TOM PERNICE JR.:** My category won't change. 126 to 150 category gets in after the school. And the only way to change yourself is to win to get out of that category. I'll maintain my position in that category. I should get in next week. I was already in next week. And then I've got a decision to make on Greenbriar, if I get in, whether I'm going to go there or go to the Senior U.S. Open.

Q. This obviously will help you in your 125 for next year, right? This would kind of -- this would give you a good score.

**TOM PERNICE JR.:** It's good. I played a good round Sunday at Pebble at Nature Valley First Tee. So I had some good vibes coming in here. My putting really stayed solid most of the week, and my ball striking had been solid.

It's nice to stay in contention all week and to have a chance on the back nine. I had a chance on 18. The hardest part, I had a good wedge into that pin, and I had a pretty good putt to look at it. So it's disappointing not to capitalize and hit a good putt.

Q. What do you know about Chris Kirk?

**TOM PERNICE JR.:** I just know he's a rookie out here. He's off the Nationwide Tour, I believe. He's a very quiet, very talented young man. Obviously, he played well all week and hung in there and played great.

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