



**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: BERNHARD LANGER**  
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**MODERATOR:** We'll go ahead and start. We welcome Bernhard Langer to the interview room here for the 2012 Dick's Sporting Goods Open.

Bernhard, coming off a nice victory at the 3-M Championship two weeks ago and making your first appearance here at En-Joie since 2008. Anything you remember about coming back here, or just talk about playing in this event and having the opportunity to win two in a row.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, I just have been here one time in my whole career, life, never played the BC open. Really enjoyed it when I was here. In the past, when the tournament had a June date, I was always in Europe or Germany playing over there, so I missed the tournaments over the years. And now it's a later date, I'm very glad that I can come back. I love the golf course; it's a great test, it's in good shape, and we have a great sponsor with Dick's Sporting Goods. The hospitality is fantastic. So it's all very positive and I'm excited to play this weekend.

**MODERATOR:** Maybe touch on you've had a couple weeks to think about your victory there in Minnesota. I know getting over the hump was a big deal to you. Maybe talk about that. You come in here with some confidence, right?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, I've been playing well all year, really just haven't had the W, you know, the win, and it's -- finally that happened 10 days ago with a 10-under on Sunday, which was very nice. Being able to win again after over a year of not winning, overcoming my surgery and that was a key for me. So it just feels good to be back in the winner's circle, and still got a few tournaments left to maybe move up in the Schwab ranking or in the money list and all that kind of stuff. So there's still a lot to play for and every tournament counts.

**MODERATOR:** Okay. We'll just go to questions. Kevin?

**Q. A week off after a win, how much work do you do, how much do you lay off? Do you play 18 and all? How does that go?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, it's different every time I have a week off, but generally I probably take the first two or three days off pretty much off totally, and now Mondays the golf courses are closed in Florida anyways, most of them, so I didn't do much for the first few days. Then I went out and practiced a little bit, hit some balls, played nine holes with my kids, hit a few more balls, but it's not the same intensity that I would have when I play a tournament. It's very sporadic and just a little bit here and there so I don't get too rusty.

**Q. Almost exactly one year ago, it will be one year ago next month, we had a terrible flood here. This course was about 90, 95 percent under water. It's been pretty much totally redone. I was just curious to get your thoughts on how the course is playing, what you think of it. If you had any idea -- without knowing, if you would have any idea walking on the course that it had been in such terrible shape.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** No, there's no way of knowing. If you would just show up, you know, this week and not knowing what happened here the last few years, you would have no idea. The course -- the greens are in fantastic condition, the fairways, most of them are very, very good, too. No, you couldn't tell a thing. They've done a phenomenal job with the golf course. I think it's great for the Champions Tour to come back here and raise some monies for charities and the local communities.

**Q. Can you explain your consistency from week to week from golf course to golf course, getting it done under any kind of condition, any which way, how does one come about that?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It's not easy. It's the one thing in golf that's very hard to come by is consistency because it only takes a few bad shots and a few bad breaks or whatever at a certain given time and you're not in contention anymore. There have been some players in the history of golf that have been consistent, they were some of the best players, whether it's Hale Irwin or Tom Kite or Tom Watson, you know, some of these guys that are just many times in contention when they tee it up.

And there's lots of aspects. First of all, you've got to be healthy, you've got to prepare well, and then you need to, you know, decent golf swing where you can hit the ball most of the time where you're aiming, where you're looking, you need a good short game, got to make a few putts because without making putts you're not going to be up there. And got to be mentally pretty tough, too. So there's a lot of aspects to it and it's not easy. It's a difficult one.

**Q. You kind of just touched on it there, but what's it going to take to get those points up a little bit on the money list this weekend? What do you have to do to be successful?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, on this golf course I think you have to drive the ball very well. It's tree lined, parkland golf course, narrow fairways, lots of trees both sides of the fairway most of the time, some water hazards, bunch of bunkers. So key is to hit the fairways and then from there you can attack the holes. But you still need to do everything fairly well even after that point. And to win or be in contention you've got to hit a bunch of fairways, hit a lot of greens and hopefully make a few putts because it's not going to be easy to shoot under par coming from out of the trees or bunkers or water hazards.

**Q. Leading up to the tournament this weekend, do you find yourself being successful in that regard?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I haven't practiced real hard last week, so I'm going to work hard today and tomorrow and hopefully just get a little bit better every day and get used to the speed of the greens and the sand and the grass and all that and be ready for the weekend.

**Q. The notebooks that you and your caddie go through, how many revisions does that take for when you get out there for actual tournament time, how many revisions are there?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** We just add a few notes. I think this golf course didn't change at all since I was here four years ago, so there wasn't a whole lot I had to change. I just kind of look over it, refresh my memory as I played the pro-ams and look at the golf course when I'm out there, so I just take a few mental notes more so. It's pretty much all in the book because nothing has changed.

**MODERATOR:** Anything else? Bernhard, thank you very much. Good luck this week.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, thank you.