



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: BERNHARD LANGER

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MODERATOR: Bernhard, you're 7-under through 15 holes.

BERNHARD LANGER: I played pretty solid, drove the ball very well, hit a lot of fairways, gave myself opportunities with my iron shots and made a few putts here and there, and in the end 7-under after 15. I had a birdie chance on 16 and was disappointed that we had to stop because I was going low, felt good about my game, but hopefully we'll continue tomorrow.

MODERATOR: Can you just take us through the birdies, basically what you hit?

BERNHARD LANGER: No. 3 was a very good drive and 3-wood onto the green, two putt from about 45 feet. 5 was another good drive, 3-wood, and then chipped it up to about six feet. Trying to remember these holes, they kind of all look alike to me. Driver and I think it was an 8-iron to about 10 feet. And the next one was 8, driver, hybrid just short of the green -- hang on, that might be another hole. I'm getting the holes confused, I'm sorry. They all look alike to me. I think it was driver, 3-wood and another pitch up to about eight feet.

MODERATOR: Three in a row.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah. And I had a couple other chances there, 9 and 10, which I didn't make, and then 11 was a good drive, and let's see, what did I hit in there? I think it was an 8-iron to about five feet. Then I hit driver, hybrid just short of the bunker on 12 and pitched it up to about five feet again. 13 was a driver, 9-iron to about three feet. Had a great opportunity on 14, which I missed from about 10 feet.

MODERATOR: What did you have at 16, about how far?

BERNHARD LANGER: About eight feet or so.

MODERATOR: We'll just open it for questions. Again, just wait for the mic if you could.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about playing 20, 21 holes tomorrow instead of just 18 and the difficulty of that and how you expect that to affect, if it will affect your game at all?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it won't affect my game at all. It's just a longer day. I have to get up a lot earlier, have to be in position at 7:30, need to be ready to hit balls at 6:20 more or less, and that means getting up around 4:00 or 4:30, which is a little bit earlier than I normally -- I probably would have had a late tee time tomorrow. That part makes it difficult. And then waiting a couple hours until you tee off for the second round. There'll be a lot of hanging around, preparing, warming up twice. It's just going to make a long day, that's all.

Q. Do you think it's an advantage for you having gotten through now 16 holes and having to play two or three as opposed to somebody who just teed off for the first round?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it's going to be a longer day for them, that's for sure. They have another 10 or 12 holes to play, the last few groups. Have they all teed off? Some of them, that's going to be a lot of golf, but they might not have as much time in between rounds, is that correct? When they finish the first round, they pretty much probably can go straight out. So they'll catch up some of those hours that I'll be sitting around waiting.

Q. (Question regarding the par 5s.) How crucial was that on this golf course?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I was able to do that by driving the ball well and getting it up and down if I had to, and, you know, the course being a little firmer, there was an advantage playing earlier because now I probably couldn't reach some of the par 5s as wet as it is now. So there might have been a one or two shot advantage there, but only if you drive the ball well and hit in the fairway. The course will play a little longer tomorrow morning and probably tomorrow afternoon depending on how much more rain we're going to get.

Q. This time around you're off to a very good start (inaudible) two years ago. Some of the familiarity with the golf course, did that help you at all today getting off to a better start?

BERNHARD LANGER: I think I was hopefully familiar with it enough four years ago after playing two pro-ams or whatever and maybe even a practice round, I can't remember how many rounds I had before the tournament, but it does help. I got two more pro-ams in yesterday and the day before, got another look at the golf course. But the key is just playing well, you know. Just able today to hit the ball where I was looking and that always helps. If you have shorter birdie putts, you're going to make more of them.

Q. Bernhard, what do you think about keeping the momentum going tomorrow, especially with the different type of course conditions?

BERNHARD LANGER: Just playing well, make some good swings, stay in rhythm, roll the putts in the hole and try and play smart; go at the pins I can go at and be smart about those. Just hitting a lot of solid shots and hopefully making a few putts, that's really the key. The course is going to play longer. It's the same for everybody. We'll have to adjust for that. I might not be able to go for the greens in two on some of the par 5s, but you can still make birdies by hitting a wedge or something like that.

Q. Are you normally (inaudible) and will that change at all tomorrow since you'll follow the (inaudible) during their round?

BERNHARD LANGER: The leaderboard is still there, but yeah, I'll look at it every once in a while. I'm not one that, you know, stares at it on every hole. There's no point in doing that, especially early in the tournament. The leaderboard is really more interesting the last few holes when you might have to change your strategy.

MODERATOR: Bernhard, thank you very much.