

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: BERNHARD LANGER
Thursday, June 26, 2014

Q. Was that on your mind at all going into the day and did you try and keep track of it?

BERNHARD LANGER: It was on my mind, but on the forefront of my mind was golf, not soccer. The crowd kept me informed out there. Yeah, they told me every whatever, 15, 20 minutes, I knew what was going on all the time, every two or three holes. I'm happy that both got through.

Q. What hole were you on when the game ended?

BERNHARD LANGER: I don't know, it doesn't matter.

Q. The crowd --

BERNHARD LANGER: You could have figured that out; whenever the game was over and I teed off at 12:20.

Q. Did you talk any banter with Kenny at all about the game, about the World Cup?

BERNHARD LANGER: No. I was cheering for the USA anyway. I wanted them to get through with Germany, so thrilled that they both made it. They deserved it. They're the two better teams, I think. The other two teams didn't deserve to make it.

Q. How did your round go today overall?

BERNHARD LANGER: It was good. I drove the ball very well, hit a lot of fairways, lot of greens, had some opportunities. It's hard with some of the greens are so soft the ball just spins back and back and back, and you pitch it next to the hole like 18 and this hole here -- well, five or six holes, it just comes off to the fringe almost. So it's difficult to control the spin on the greens. Then once or twice I figured it would spin and it didn't. You have 10-yard putts instead of two- or three-yard putts, that's how it is.

Q. Anything you would like to emphasize that you did well today going into tomorrow?

BERNHARD LANGER: My ball striking was good. I drove the ball very well. I missed one fairway and hit a lot of fairways, lot of greens, gave myself opportunities. Putting was okay, it wasn't great but it wasn't terrible. It was just hard to get the ball near the hole sometimes. You know, I missed one or two putts that I might have had

opportunities, but I was late out. There were already 80 guys in front of me to put marks and other things. The greens are a little better first thing in the morning than they are late in the afternoon, but it's the same week after week, so it all evens out.

Q. As far as your approach for tomorrow, do you approach it the same way you approach today?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yep.

Q. Or do you take today into consideration?

BERNHARD LANGER: No. It's a four-day tournament and you don't win a tournament the first day; you can maybe lose it. So just plug along and hopefully keep playing some good golf and stay in contention and work my way up the leaderboard and hopefully be there Sunday afternoon.

Q. Thanks, Bernhard.

BERNHARD LANGER: You're welcome.