

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: BERNHARD LANGER**  
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**ALEX URBAN:** We would like to welcome Bernhard Langer into the interview room. Bernhard, you shot your second straight 65 today, no bogeys on the card, 17 of 18 greens in regulation. Take us through your round a little bit and how you kept it going.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, somebody said that's pretty boring stuff, 65-65. I don't think it is, I'd like to do that every day. But yeah, I played better today than I did yesterday and just didn't get quite as much out of the round, but still a pretty good score. Just happy to be hitting fairways and greens for the most part, giving myself opportunities. As I said, pretty happy with the ball striking and made the odd putt here and there, so it was a stressless 65 if you can call it that way. Yesterday I had to get it up and down a few times. Today was a little bit less stress, a little bit easier.

**ALEX URBAN:** Six birdies today against no bogeys. Could you take us through each of your birdies?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** If I can remember the holes, I will. No. 1 was driver, 6-iron. I did miss that fairway, I was in the left rough but I hit it to about six feet. Then 6 was a driver, 8-iron about 14 feet. What was next? No. 8 was driver, sand wedge to three feet. And 11, driver, gap wedge to two feet. No. 14 was -- what was that hole, down the hill. Driver, lob wedge, spun back to about 15 feet, made that. And 16 was a 3-wood, 7-iron, and that was probably 40 feet, 45 feet, something like that. And I three-putted 17, which was less awesome, but let's forget that.

**Q. This is going to be simplistic, but just when you start the round with a birdie on 1, does that set the tone for you for the day a little bit?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It helps to just settle down the little nerves that may be there, whatever. Just makes you feel good. I've had some of my greatest rounds when I started with a bogey and I've had some of my best rounds when I started with a birdie or a par. Every shot counts, but it's nice to get off to a good start.

**Q. Bernhard, it appeared to be less breezy today, but is the course as easy as you're making it look?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Oh, it's not that easy. You've got to hit these fairways and they're pretty severe and slopy on some occasions. It was less windy, so certainly played easier. When you have whatever, 15-mile an hour winds, it's always tough to play golf because it's just hard to judge. But today we didn't have much wind at all so it's a lot easier to get the ball somewhat close. But a good example on 18, I thought I hit a perfect second shot, absolutely. When I hit it I thought that's the perfect club, made good contact. The breeze came up, landed two and a half yards short and spun back down the hill and all of a sudden

I'm 45 feet away or 40 feet when you're hoping to have a six-foot birdie putt or something like that.

**Q. Parnevik on TV said this is kind of a course that's made for you. Do you agree that this is kind of your comfort zone in terms of a course?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, I said to the media when I was here two days ago, three days ago, I said that if you play good, any course is made for you. That's how I feel about it because if you can hit it where you're looking and hit your targets and roll in some putts, any course is good. But you certainly have to think your way around a little bit and you have to shape a few shots, but if I can't hit it where I want to hit it, doesn't matter. So it's a bit of, you know, trusting your swing and your distances and shaping shots and just feeling good about your game.

**Q. You're known for many things, among of which is your patience. Was this year testing your patience to this point in any way?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, I think every round of golf tests your patience. Easy courses test your patience because you feel you should shoot 5- or 6-under every day when you have lots of wedge shots, and hard courses test your patience because you're not going to make many birdies and you're just grinding away making par after par after par and making the odd bogey and you get impatient just getting something going. So you need patience in golf, that's just how it is. We hardly ever play the perfect round of golf, as you know. Otherwise we would be shooting 54s or something and nobody's ever done that. So it's certainly a matter of taking your chances on some holes and playing slightly more cautious on some other holes and just, as you say, being patient with yourself, with making mistakes, with misreading some putts. I played with Kenny Perry, one of the best players for many years, and he misread a bunch of putts. Play a foot right and it moves two feet further right. You don't see that very often, but these greens are very challenging.

**Q. I meant bigger picture more than round to round.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Oh, I see. Well, bigger picture is the same thing. You work on your game and you're trying to get to a stage where you're comfortable with and then you can't force it, you can't make it happen, you've still got to be patient. I've won tournaments when I didn't play my best and I lost tournaments when I played my best because somebody else just went hot. So it can be out of our control. You can only do the best you can and hope at the end of the day that that will be better than the rest of the field.

**Q. After all you've accomplished, was this year hard to get up for in any way, more so than your first year or any other year out here?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** No, no, I was excited about this year. I've had some phenomenal years lately and especially last year, so it's exciting to -- you know, I couldn't wait to get over that three-month rest we had, or two-and-a-half month rest and get out here. We just had a

slow start, there weren't a lot of tournaments, and then I had to miss a couple because my kids were hurt and all that kind of staggered along, and then I was hurt on a couple of occasions and didn't feel a hundred percent. So again, you know, you've just got to take it by stride. If I catch form, I can win three or four tournaments the rest of the year and so I need to be patient, just let it happen.

**Q. I'm going to run up my quota here, last one. Obviously you're fit and in great shape, but this is a hilly golf course. You're coming off two prior to this. From a conditioning standpoint, is this testing you at all, and is there a different technique for walking up a hill versus walking down a hill?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I would love to hear that technique if anybody knows one.

**Q. The caddie said lean into it.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, we know that already, that's nature. But no, the last few weeks have been very tough walking. French Lick was very tough, Des Moines was maybe even harder, and even Shoal Creek is a pretty good walk. So we'll all be happy -- I just see it going into the fitness trailer, the physio truck at the end of the day. A couple of guys get treated and they all fall asleep. You don't see that very often. Give them five minutes on the couch and they're out, so that tells you a lot.

**Q. Did you also use your putter three times on nine? I don't know if they counted it as a three-putt. Maybe you were short on the green.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** On 9 I two-putted. I was in the hazard off my tee plugged and I was able to extract it out of that plugged lie and move it about 10 yards, then went for the green, hit the green and two-putted. So it was a par, a two-putt par. And 17 actually was officially a two-putt par because I was off the green, even though I said three putts.