

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: BERNHARD LANGER
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PHIL STAMBAUGH: Okay, Bernhard, what a difference two days makes. One birdie yesterday and eight today and four of your last five, and 66. Right now you're one behind Billy Andrade. A few thoughts about your round?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I played very well yesterday. 16 greens in regulation, that means I had 16 chances for birdies, just the putter wouldn't work, balls wouldn't drop. And today started off nicely with birdieing the first two holes and another one on nine. I dropped one on 10, which was really a mistake there. I had a pitching wedge from the middle of the fairway but I was between wedge and 9, came up a little short but still hit a very poor first putt from the fringe and made a bogey there, which shouldn't happen. Anyways, came back with a birdie on the next hole and finished very strong. It was fun to make four in a row and it could have been five in a row there on 18.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Do you want to go through details on the birdies?

BERNHARD LANGER: First hole was a driver in the left rough, 8-iron, then 9-iron, I think, to about eight feet. The second hole was a driver, 9-iron to about 10 feet. No. 5, I hit my drive left in the rough, came up short with a 6-iron, pitched it 20 feet, made the putt. No. 9 was a 7-iron, 18-footer. No. 10 I already told you, it was 2-hybrid, pitching wedge just short, three-putted from the fringe. And 11 was driver, pitching wedge 10 feet. No. 14, it was 2-hybrid off the tee to the right, pitching wedge to three feet. No. 15 was a driver, 7-iron layup, sand wedge to five feet. No. 16 was a 3-wood, pitching wedge to two feet. No. 17 was a 5-iron about 12 feet.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Did the course play any different today than yesterday?

BERNHARD LANGER: Not really, just less wind. Yesterday there was quite a bit of wind and it seemed inconsistent, it was moving around quite a bit. Today we never had a whole lot of wind until there was a little bit towards the end but it was more predictable.

Q. Bernhard, you're in good company career wise with the champions from -- the great champions Trevino and Gil Morgan and Irwin. What do you think you have in common with them? What's it take to be such a consistent player as you have been?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it takes a lot of things. You've got to have an all-around good game. It's not good enough to just be a good putter or a good driver or the ball or whatever, you need a complete game. You've got to have a good mental mindset as well. You've got to have a big heart to win, to win that many times. And have to have the drive to put the hours in to practice and stay reasonably healthy and fit, because otherwise it's not going to happen.

Q. Where does heart enter in?

BERNHARD LANGER: Heart is the biggest thing of all.

Q. What is that?

BERNHARD LANGER: A big heart, that you want to win, that you don't give up. A lot of people, they go forward knowing when they get there, they drop back. Keep going. All winners, you know, the guys that win a lot, that win big tournaments, you've got to have a big heart.

Q. Yesterday I watched and thought putt after putt just barely missed. Do you kind of figure going in those things average out?

BERNHARD LANGER: No, not necessarily, but I misread a couple putts yesterday and just, you know, didn't go in. I played with a couple of guys today, they didn't make anything pretty much. They had tremendous lip-outs, and putts that looked like they were going in just didn't go in. It happens to everybody, but you can never count on it averaging out, you just hope you're going to have a better day the next day.

Q. Hard not to get frustrated (inaudible,) can't let it bother you because obviously you played well yesterday?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I played better yesterday to some extent than today. Today in the end I hit it a lot closer, but in the beginning, the first two holes were good, but then I hit a couple of loose shots there and didn't play nearly as good as yesterday but turned out okay, I scored better.

Q. What does Billy Andrade bring to the tour? Youth?

BERNHARD LANGER: I don't know, I don't know if you can call that youth. (Laughter.) Billy's a great guy, everybody likes Billy. He can hit the ball really long still, he's a great character, a lovely fellow, and he can play. He proved that last year a couple times and he's certainly a winner. He's won tournaments before and I'm sure he wants to win out here as many as possible.