

Q. Bernhard, you're two-time defending champion of this tournament, but this is obviously a different venue. How would you compare this venue to some of the other championships you've played?

BERNHARD LANGER: It's a great venue. It's any bit as good as the ones we played the last couple years. They always pick great golf courses and this is no exception.

Q. What was it about particularly this course that stood out this morning?

BERNHARD LANGER: It was really windy, that was tough. Gusty winds, so it's difficult to control. And the greens are lightening fast so like on 18 I was in the right bunker and it was downwind, down grain, downhill, hard to stop the ball, it just keeps rolling and rolling and ended up making bogey. So you've got to be aware of trying to keep the ball below the hole, which is tough to do when it's windy like this.

Q. Was there any particular holes that gave you any problems out there?

BERNHARD LANGER: The last four, or last -- made three bogeys the last four holes, which leaves a sour taste because I played extremely nice up until that point, and two of them were really easy holes. One was a par 5 where we hit a wedge in normally, and then 16 is a short par 3 where I took the wrong club, and 18 was a tough hole, driver, 3-wood today. But, you know, finishing like that is no fun so we'll get it together tomorrow and try again.

Q. You started birdie-birdie. Did you feel that maybe -- obviously 16 to go, but did you think you had something going there?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, I did have something going, it just didn't continue. I knew it was going to be a tough day, the forecast was for 15 to 20 miles gusting to 25 and whenever that's the case it's going to be difficult and it was.

Q. With no wind, do you see scores getting a little bit lower?

BERNHARD LANGER: Oh, yeah.

Q. Or can they make this course even tougher?

BERNHARD LANGER: No, no question about it, the wind is what makes it hard and obviously pin positions do, too. But if the wind lays down the next few days, you're going to see some pretty good scores in the 60s.

Q. How do you compare the speed of these greens to some of the greens you've played?

BERNHARD LANGER: They're a little faster, and with the wind makes it even faster because the wind blows them in a certain direction when they're exposed and then you have some slope on them and a little bit of grain, so if you get all at that going in one direction, it's very fast.

Q. Do you like playing courses out here on the east coast, and what makes them stand out more than maybe down in Florida or some of the other places?

BERNHARD LANGER: It's just different. I like the courses we play all year really. These are just a little different, different design. In Florida we have palm trees and water. You don't see any of that, or very little. You don't need it here. This is a great design, it presents itself, it's got plenty of length and undulation, and the best of it, it's in awesome shape.