



Q. Talk us through it. A 64 to open, very solid.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it was a pretty solid game throughout. My irons weren't quite as close -- the longer irons, I should say, as I would like to. The short irons were good and the putter worked well today, so that was the key. I drove it fairly good and the putter was good.

Q. I know they always say you can't win a tournament on Thursday, but you certainly sort of put yourself right where you need to be, I guess, at the start of the week.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, you're right. You can't win it the first day, but you can lose it basically, so I'm happy with where I am. Like to be in touch with the leader or, you know, hopefully in front, so I'm in a good position right now.

Q. You told us a couple days ago attack, attack, attack is what you had to do. Is that kind of what you did?

BERNHARD LANGER: Pretty much, yeah. It's what I had in mind and pretty much executed that way. Didn't execute 100 percent, but got away with a couple of them. As I said, the putter worked well and that's always key. If you putt well, you can shoot low rounds.

Q. Do you start to think at all at any point about the weekend and what could be?

BERNHARD LANGER: It's way too early and I can't control what somebody else does. I might play as good as I can and somebody goes crazy and shoots three 60s in a row, you don't know. So I can only do what I can do and then hopefully find myself on top and not the bottom of the leaderboard.

Q. Seems like you're loose. Seems like here we are at the last -- seems like you're loose.

BERNHARD LANGER: Oh, I am. It's great to be here. This is what we played for all year. Looking forward to some time off, but before that, got a little work to do. And it's a wonderful place to have the last tournament, to have the Schwab Cup here at Phoenix Country Club. It doesn't get much better. Fantastic golf course, nice greens, good crowds, beautiful weather, nice food. Even good interviews, what more can you ask for?

Q. Did I see you working with a couple different putters yesterday?

BERNHARD LANGER: Only one other one. I went to Ping on Monday and tested drivers and asked them to make me one of the putters that's similar to mine, so they made me one. I tried it, but --

Q. Is that what you used today or were you just practicing?

BERNHARD LANGER: No. I used it for nine holes just to see and I thought it's probably not the smartest thing to do, to switch the most important club for maybe the most tournament of the year.