
Q. Bernhard, thanks for joining us today. You had a nice ending to your round there, three birdies in the last four. Kind of talk us through what happened there to finish it off like that.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it's always nice to finish a round well. I just hit really good shots, hit it pretty close all three holes and made about a 10-footer, a six-footer and another nine-footer or something like that. It's nice to finish that way and, you know, not too far behind the leaders.

Q. Saw the fist pump on the putt on 18. Kind of how much does that mean to stay up there at the top of the leaderboard entering Saturday?

BERNHARD LANGER: It means a lot, yeah. Every shot counts. It's nice to make a putt and finish with a birdie. It's always much better than finishing in a bad way, it's just more fun. And the people want to be entertained, right?

Q. Absolutely. And then 64, you're 65, not many people break their age. What does that say?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it's still very special. I shot my age last week I think once and now I broke it again. It's only the second time I broke my age, so it still feels very good.

Q. And big crowds today. What does that say about Sioux Falls, the support?

BERNHARD LANGER: It's amazing. For a Friday, phenomenal. The atmosphere and the numbers that come out here is really great. I think it just shows there isn't a whole lot of other big sporting events in this area, so they're really coming to see this. This is very special for South Dakota and they appreciate good golf. And I also think the tournament now has settled. You know, they know it's happening every year, it's been here a few times. It usually takes a year or two until people realize what's going on.

Q. What is it about this course that fits your game?

BERNHARD LANGER: Nothing particular about this golf course, it's the same everywhere. If you drive it straight and you hit decent irons and make a few putts, you'll do well pretty much on any golf course. There's nothing in particular that stands out here. We were talking about it, there's a bunch of flat holes, but then there's some steep hills as well, several holes up and down.

But what I would like to mention is how great the shape of the greens are. Wonderful greens, fairways, bunkers. The greenskeeping staff's done an unbelievable job to get the course to where it is right now.

Q. And there was some rain last night, people were saying it played a little softer today. Do you anticipate it being a little more challenging next couple days, a little less soft?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it usually plays a little shorter, but then the ball bounces into the rough, doglegs and stuff. I had a couple of mud balls, nothing too bad, thank goodness, and hopefully we won't have to deal with that the next couple days and maybe it will play a little bit shorter and I can reach a par-5 in two.