

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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BERNHARD LANGER (-9)



Q. Bernhard, great playing today, 64, shooting your age or better for the 21st time on the Champions Tour. How does that sound?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it sounds good and feels good, especially on a course like this, it's not that easy. Conditions were great, but been putting really well the last two days and hitting the ball fairly solid as well. Except for hitting one out of bounds yesterday, everything else was pretty good. It's fun to make some putts, that's what the game is all about. If you want to score low, you've got to make some putts.

Q. And speaking of hitting the ball well, you mentioned to Phil just a bit ago changing the ball position a little bit. Can you talk through that?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah. That was on the putter, I moved the ball a little bit further away from me. Started to look better, ball was rolling online and so far, so good. It's worked two days in a row.

Q. Bernhard, looking back to your injury, was there ever a time that you thought that it might be too much to come back from or were you always confident that you would be back?

BERNHARD LANGER: I'm a very positive person, so I always thought I would be able to come back. My surgeon and PT said if everything goes somewhat well, you should be OK, just you're probably going to lose half the season or something like that. Was fortunate to come back after three months actually. The nice thing, we can use carts out here. Because I wasn't able to walk 18 holes, it helped me. When people ask me how are you doing now, I'm nowhere near 100 percent, but I'm a functioning golfer.

Q. So I want to ask you about the Masters, too. Sounds like you were going to make last year your final one, now you've postponed it. Are you looking ahead to that? Is it still going to be your last one this next year?

BERNHARD LANGER: It will be, no doubt about it. That course is just so long. The last five or 10 years when I played there it's just playing very long. It's not much fun hitting 3-woods into par 4s, and 2-hybrids and all that kind of stuff. The holes are made for 7-, 8-, 9-irons and I'm coming in with some metal and other things.

Q. Does the sentimental side kick in or is it still too far out to start getting a little too sentimental?



BERNHARD LANGER: It's too far out. Once I get closer it will be on my mind, but right now I'm focusing on what's at hand and that's finishing off the year at the Schwab Cup very well and enjoying the offseason.

Q. How do you stay motivated and driven still at your age?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it's never been an issue really. People asked me 20 years how long will you play. I always said as long as I'm healthy and I'm having fun and I'm playing well. When you win tournaments and you're in contention most of your life, I think if I reached a point where I feel I have no chance at all and I'm finishing 50th every week, I might consider quitting at that point or certainly playing a lot less. But I'm not there yet. Still taking one year at a time and see how it feels.

Q. Do you ever surprise yourself?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, every once in a while I look back at my career and have to almost pinch myself and say, man, that's pretty amazing what you've done the last whatever, so many years.

Like a day today, to shoot 64, 3 under my age, not a whole lot of people can do that. I'm fortunate to have done it I think 21 times or 20 times, something like that.

MODERATOR: Twenty-one.

BERNHARD LANGER: It's a good feeling.

Q. Those numbers, like 21 times, are they just numbers or is it still a wow moment?

BERNHARD LANGER: It's both. You know, they're certainly numbers and numbers express a lot of certain things. The more you think about some of the stuff, like another player asked me the other day how many Schwab Cups have you won. I said I've won six and I should have won eight because the COVID year was kind of taken away from me and another one I probably should have won it. And he goes, wow, what's next? Well, who's the next best guy? I said, I don't even know, maybe three. I don't think anybody's won more than two or three. Some of those numbers are quite incredible and I'm very blessed to have done what I've done.

