

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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BERNHARD LANGER (-6)

Q. Bernhard, great round today, six birdies in your first 12 holes for a 65. Just take us through the round.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I started off really nicely. I hit a lot of quality shots online and kept the ball in the fairway. Really good tee shots, hit some great irons.

And it was a weird day. I missed a lot of 10- to 15-footers and made a couple of bombs, really long ones. Kind of weird that way. The putter wasn't quite where I wanted it to be, but the ball-striking was really good.

Q. You won this tournament before albeit on a different golf course. How does La Paloma suit your eye, more of a target golf course playing throughout the desert?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I like it. I think you need to be very straight, very precise. And with the heat, they watered the greens a little more and the golf course is a little softer than it normally would be, but it still takes a lot of quality shots to give yourself some good looks.

Q. This is your 38th time shooting your age or better on PGA TOUR Champions, something the fans and the media kind of latch onto. You've done it so many times, does it still amaze you when you do that?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I recognize it every time I do it. Every time I'm on my age or below I kind of know it and recognize it. It feels good. I didn't know it was 38, I knew it was a number of times. Hopefully there will be a lot more.

Q. Bernie, how did the course change once the wind picked up?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it played a lot tougher the last sort of couple hours I would say because initially it was into the wind and you could pretty much play to the yardage, and then it becomes a little bit of a guessing game for some of us that don't live in the desert. Because we're at altitude, I think we're about 2,000 feet or close to that, maybe more, and with the heat as well, the ball just goes further but don't really know how much further, or you kind of are guessing many times.

I hit a couple of irons that definitely flew much further than I thought they would, and that can get you in some trouble real quick.

Q. What percentages are you using?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, I think when it's hot like this around 100, you can maybe go with five percent, but it doesn't always play out that way. Then you have the wind to factor in, so it's a lot of math out there before you pull a club.