

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: BERNHARD LANGER
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DAVE SENKO: (Interview in progress)... PGA TOUR Champions. Maybe just share your thoughts on the win today, six shots.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it's very special to have won my 100th tournament as a professional golfer, and to do it at a major means even more. I had a nice obviously advantage of four shots going into today and hit two fantastic shots on the first hole, driver and a wedge to about five feet, made that putt for birdie. That was a good start.

Then I had a couple of more perfect shots on 2, a really good drive and a 5-iron, but it took a bad bounce and went to the very back of the green, which I three-putted from. Played fairly solid. Especially drove the ball phenomenal. I can't recall hitting every fairway for 36 holes in a row. I don't think I was in the rough once the last two days, which is pretty unique. And I think that was key to the victory. My putter was hot and cold, my irons were hot and cold, but the driver was really the outstanding club. It didn't let me down not one time the last few days and it set me up to attack certain pin positions and certain holes which you couldn't do out of the rough or, you know, if your drive is 20, 30 yards shorter, I couldn't have gone for the par 5s or I would have had to hit longer irons into the greens. So that was really the key.

But it feels great to have won four of the five majors that we have on the PGA TOUR Champions and, well, next week will be my chance to win the one that I haven't won yet, the Senior PGA, which I came close a couple times but I haven't lifted the trophy yet.

DAVE SENKO: You've now won six major championships in I believe four years now, you've won at least one major championship. Just take us through your birdies starting at No. 1.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, 1 was driver and wedge to five or six feet. Then I had a great par save on No. 4, the par 3. I pulled my 7-iron slightly, hit outside the hazard like this far from the edge of the green but it sloped like that and kicked left into the water, so I got to drop it on the green and made about a 20-, 25-footer for par. That was key to keep the momentum going.

And then I made a three-putt I think on 6 from quite a ways but it was just -- the greens were a lot faster today than yesterday for some reason. I don't know if it had anything to do with the humidity or whatever, but yesterday I couldn't get the ball to the hole and today I was racing it by several times earlier in the day until I adjusted to the new speed.

I had a couple of opportunities especially on 8 and 9 that weren't too far away but I didn't convert the putts. Then I got going on, what was it, 12? I don't remember all the holes here. I think that was a driver, 6-iron to about five feet. And then 13 was again a good drive, a great 2-hybrid just pin high left just off the green, so I chipped it and misjudged the green. It

was really fast, went 15 feet but made the putt. And I finished very strong with birdieing the last three holes. 16 was a great drive, 9-iron to seven feet or so, six feet. 17 was a 7-iron to about 15, 20 feet. And 18, again a fantastic drive, a 3-hybrid to the back edge and two putts from 45 feet, something like that, 50 feet.

Q. You mentioned the par save on No. 4 but that was kind of where you had probably the most reaction, more reaction even than when you won. What did that mean for you and how good a save was that in your eyes?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it was maybe more of a reaction because I was still in the middle of the heat. When I won I had a six-shot lead or something and so it was all over three or four holes before that really. But that was key. I could have bogeyed or double bogeyed that hole after hitting it in the water, which would have taken all the momentum away and given the other guys hope by closing the gap. I didn't want them to close the gap on me, I wanted to increase that four-shot lead if at all possible.

Q. (Inaudible) What was your scripture references?

BERNHARD LANGER: I can't. I've got it written down. My memory's not good enough.

Q. 1 Corinthians 15.

BERNHARD LANGER: That was one of them, thank you. 1 Corinthians 15:57. And the third one was just that this is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. I don't know what that is, but I'm sure it is (inaudible.)

DAVE SENKO: Bernhard, just one other thing. With your six wins now you join some pretty good company with Tom Watson and Gary Player, each one six events, six majors on this tour.

BERNHARD LANGER: That's pretty special company to be in, a couple of great guys and great champions. What's the most majors anybody's won?

DAVE SENKO: Jack has got eight.

BERNHARD LANGER: Eight?

DAVE SENKO: And Gary's got seven. Not Gary. Jack's got eight.

BERNHARD LANGER: Trevino maybe?

DAVE SENKO: Any more questions?

BERNHARD LANGER: All right. Let's go celebrate.