

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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BERNHARD LANGER (-6)

Q. So kind of an up-and-down round, but just give me a couple thoughts on today and where you're sitting at this point, 1 behind?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I don't know where I'm sitting, I haven't really looked at the board, but I imagine into the too far away.

Q. One at this point.

BERNHARD LANGER: It wasn't easy out there. Some of the greens are very firm, the ball doesn't stop very easily. Hit one really bad shot there on 3 that went in the water, made double. Otherwise, didn't play all that bad. Missed a couple of greens with a 9-iron and a sand wedge there, which was not what I had hoped for, but hit a lot of good shots, too. Had a great eagle on 5.

Q. Yeah, I saw that. Nice shot.

BERNHARD LANGER: Played pretty solid coming in. The last few holes were pretty good. Yeah, I still feel like I'm striking the ball well and made some good putts today, pretty solid there in that department. So it's just not that easy out there.

Q. Was it much different today conditions-wise than yesterday, about the same?

BERNHARD LANGER: No, pretty similar, I think, yeah.

Q. With that said, are you at all surprised that the scores are around 6, 7, as opposed to being a little lower?

BERNHARD LANGER: Not really because it's not that easy. The greens are rock hard literally in some places and the ball, even with a 9-iron or wedge, won't stop. So you never quite know where it stops and where it doesn't stop, and if you miss the greens, the bunkers are extremely deep. It's very easy to make bogeys and double bogeys out here. Water is in play on a number of holes. Any hole can grab you, so it's just not easy to go really low here.

Q. With the grinding nature of these first two rounds, is it starting to feel like the playoffs, feel like the end-of-the-year grind and what a playoff tournament should feel like?

BERNHARD LANGER: Oh, yeah, it's felt that way from the very beginning. Felt that way last week and it feels that way this week.

I think the other thing we haven't talked about is 90 degrees in the shade, which is 100 in the sun. And these hills, they're really big hills out here, we're playing in canyons. A lot of people huffing and puffing, including myself, and it's not easy physically.

Q. With your position already secure, do you feel any -- can you maybe be a little more aggressive, say, tomorrow if you want to be just because --

BERNHARD LANGER: I could, I have nothing to lose really. I still don't want to be stupid and throwing shots away being overly aggressive. I've played as aggressive, maybe too aggressive as I've ever played these last two days.

Q. Oh, really?

BERNHARD LANGER: You know, it hasn't always paid off, let's put it that way.

Q. Just because you could, or did you feel like --

BERNHARD LANGER: Because I felt good, I felt I could possibly pull off the shots. I feel I'm swinging well, and yeah, because it doesn't really matter where I finish, I'm going to be No. 1 going into Schwab Cup no matter what. But at the same time, we're playing for money and for pride and you don't want to just give it away.