

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW**  
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**BERNHARD LANGER**

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**Q. The last day at the Schwab Cup at Phoenix Country Club, beautiful day. Bernhard Langer, you had a great first nine and then you slowed up a bit until just at the end, you got the birdie back. What happened? Tell me about your round just a bit.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Nothing happened. I played great all day.

**Q. You did.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I hit really one bad shot and that was -- well, two on the same hole, on 17, when I drove it into the bunker and caught it a little heavy and then didn't get it up and down. But I actually played extremely well the whole day. I had opportunities most of the back nine and just the putts wouldn't go in. Either I misread it or I hit one that looked absolutely perfect and didn't break the way I thought it should. A couple others were misread, but played beautifully, putted well. Hit a lot of putts where I wanted to to start and with the right pace and they just didn't go.

**Q. I know Friday you said to me when I talked to you after your round that you had to get back to work on the putter there, you weren't happy on Friday. So what did you do to turn the putting around?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, I worked on my rhythm. I figured if I push and pull them, it's got to be the rhythm mostly. Putted better yesterday, but today was -- my ball striking was a lot better today. I hit it closer, hit a lot of fairways, hit a lot of greens, got close, and never really made any very long putts all week, but today I had lots of chances.

**Q. Last year you said you wanted to be a half a stroke better, you were going to work on that.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Right.

**Q. Are you going to work on being another half a stroke better this year?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Of course.

**Q. What's the offseason look like?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Lots of time off. Put the clubs away for a few weeks, then play the Father-Son in about five weeks, then take another two or three weeks off for skiing and Christmas, and then come back a week before we head to Hawaii. I'll be working hard

again.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It's so strange, you don't know what the others do, so I just tried to go as low as I could. So we'll sit and wait and see what happens. That's all I can do.

**Q. You were on the board that approved this format. You like it, don't you?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I think it needs adjusting. I do, personally, because you could have somebody win the whole thing that hasn't won a tournament all year and I'm not sure that's ideal. But I was on the board, yeah. We said we're going to try this out and I didn't think -- I'm not sure if it's perfect. It's maybe like the FedExCup; they had to adjust it two or three times to make it interesting but also make it a little fair.

**Q. You were runaway Player of the Year. I guess this is what brought everybody back into it, the system?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, it seems strange that, whatever, the 30th player or the 36th player can win the whole thing but he might not have won a tournament all year. Anyways, we'll see how it plays out. We might need to have another look at it, but that's my personal opinion. Everybody else might love it, and if that's the case, I'll submit to the majority.

**Q. You're going to be Player of the Year, that's still a tremendous honor?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I hope so. I should be, I guess, with seven wins, whether I win here or not, but yeah.

**Q. That's quite an accomplishment, too.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It is. It's been incredible to have that many Player of the Years and that many Money Lists in a row, and almost every year I've been out here. I have to pinch myself, just got to be really grateful and thankful.