



Q. Bernhard, welcome here to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Leading the Schwab standings, can we just get your thoughts on being here in Phoenix to start?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it's always great to be back at the Schwab Championship, being in pole position is even better. It's a beautiful place to play the final tournament of the year and this year should be pretty exciting. We have, I think, four players that have the chance or the possibility to lift the Schwab Cup at the end of the season. Should be a fun week of golf.

Q. How has this year been different for you than previous years?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it's been a two-season year, if that makes any sense. It's different in the sense that we're somewhat more back to normal this year than we were last year, but we still have a Schwab Cup that's been played over two years instead of one year. That's very unusual, very unique. Even though it's been two years, we still have four guys in contention, that's pretty amazing.

Q. Does it feel -- considering it's three years since you won, but you won at age 64 last month, is there going to be a little extra cherry on top if you can clinch this one?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I think there will be because it may be my last Schwab Cup, you never know. As you get older, there's more and more young guys coming out that hit it further and they're really good players, and it's going to be tough for me to be in contention year after year. This could be my last chance to ever win the Schwab Cup again and it would be pretty unique to get six of them.

Q. What does having a guy like Mickelson in the field this week, what does that bring to the tournament?

BERNHARD LANGER: Phil, wherever he plays, he brings a lot to the tournament. It's like whatever Tiger played, he brought a lot to any tournament. There's more buzz, there's more interest from the media, from spectators, sponsors. So it's good. It's always good when you have the best players in the field.

Q. What is it about your golf swing that's allowed you to sustain success for so long?

BERNHARD LANGER: You can't answer that in a couple of sentences. There's many things that need to be in line or good to be playing at this level for that many years. It's not just a golf swing, it's the mental side, it's the putting, the chipping, the bunker game,

withstanding pressures, enjoy still working at it when you think you maybe could be retired or should be retired at times.

It's a big puzzle really and all pieces have to be together and working at a fairly high percentage to make this happen.

Q. What do you do to keep yourself limber?

BERNHARD LANGER: I do a lot of stretching. I spend every day, at least one or two hours, in the physio truck that follows us around, doing small workouts and stretching and trying to stay flexible and limber and able to do this.

Like this morning I had an 8:00 tee time. I had to get up at 4:30 to do that and it's not easy. The body is stiff in the morning like any other 64-year-old or whatever, so it takes a while to get moving. I prefer afternoon tee times to morning tee times, there's no doubt about it.

Q. Bernhard, can you just follow up on that? Can you give us a sense of your schedule? So you woke up at 4:30 today and then what happened after that?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, I don't have to go through the dress part, brushing, shaving, all that. That's normal.

Then I drove here, took about a half hour to get here. Got here at 5:45 and went into the fitness trailer for about 45 minutes to an hour, which usually is at least that. This morning everything was a little tighter because I didn't have quite enough time. They don't open earlier than that.

Then had a quick bite to eat, breakfast. You know, put sunblock on, shoes, came out and practiced for about 50 minutes, 45 minutes, which is not quite enough either, but it had to do today. Then played the pro-am.

Q. I know you guys don't really think about like Sunday, it's more for us in the media, but when you think about yourself, Ernie, Jim and Miguel kind of battling on Sunday like possibly, like what could that be like for you guys and for this tour?

BERNHARD LANGER: I think it creates hopefully a lot of interest that there's four of us. We all play golf slightly different, different ways, but I think it should be very exciting. We don't know where we're going to be on Sunday right now. For the golf fans, it probably would be fun if all four of us were right in the mix of things. I'd prefer if I was ahead of everybody and things would be a little bit easier, but who knows. we'll find out.