



BERNHARD LANGER (-10)

BERNHARD LANGER: I didn't even think about that. Last time I shot my age. Now I shot better than my age. Now I'm going to have a shandy and celebrate.

Q. Bernhard, amazing day, 63, opening and closing with eagles. Can you just take us through your round today?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it's one of my best rounds ever, I think, under the circumstances, for sure. Played very solid. Finally found the groove with the driver and hit some good iron shots as well. I had been putting very good all week, so it's just a matter of finding the fairways and the greens. The back lightened up a little bit, another 10, 20 percent better and made me just a little more free to go after the ball, stay in the shot. The last couple days I just straightened up quite a bit because of the flinching I was doing because of the impact, because of the pain.

All that is wonderful news. Very glad to still be here. Enjoying this great weather and this beautiful golf course.

Q. What are you doing off the course to keep that back loose?

BERNHARD LANGER: Not much. Just, you know, had my caddie bend over, get the ball out of the hole because it's far down. It hurts the most when I bend forward. Very cautious how I tee it up and how I mark the ball and bend my knees and not just bend forward to prevent further injury or further pain. My doc said the most pain is usually after two or three days is what I have, so I should be coming to the end of that and seeing some improvement, which I think I have.

Q. Is this as bad of pain you've had to deal with while playing?

BERNHARD LANGER: I've played in some severe pain when I was younger and that was probably a mistake looking back, but at the time, you know, you fly all the way to Australia and you don't want to withdraw because you have back pain or something. I played a number of rounds of golf with a lot of pain, and I can stand pain fairly well, but I'm not sure it's the smartest thing to do. But on this occasion my doctor assured me I couldn't do any more damage to it, so that reassured my mind to fight through it, especially Thursday was pretty tough.

Q. And will you do some scoreboard watching now?

BERNHARD LANGER: A little bit. It is what it is. The way I look at it is God is in control and

he knows already who's winning and who's not. He knows who's going to win the Schwab Cup and who's not. So I'm just here doing my best and we'll see what everybody else does. It's really out of my control, I'm just trying to play as good as I can at this point in time.

Q. Is it crazy that there's only one day left in the season?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, especially after two seasons, that's the crazy part. I look forward to it. I haven't looked forward to an offseason like this for a long time just because of a few things, I've been aching and hurting and I played a lot. I played probably more this year than I have in a number of years because my goal was to win the Schwab Cup and the more you play, the more chances you have. So I gave myself the opportunity and now we'll see what happens.

Q. Are you proud of yourself for this round?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it was fun to get a result because we did a bit of math last night, my son and I. He says if you finish top 18, Jim Furyk would have to finish second alone, and so my goal was to do that. Or maybe third alone, I can't remember now. But my goal was to be in the top 18 tomorrow and now maybe even a little further up if possible.