

BERNHARD LANGER

Q. Bernhard, thank you for joining us. You're the 2013 champion here and a four-time runner-up. To start, how does it feel to be back at TPC Sugarloaf?

BERNHARD LANGER: It's great, I love coming back here. It reminds me a little bit of Augusta, similar grasses and similar terrain. I've enjoyed myself very much here at the Mitsubishi Electric classic.

Q. Last week you closed with a bogey-free 69. Just how do you feel about your game coming into this week?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, my game is pretty close, I feel like I'm not far from it, from playing really well. I just need to make more putts. I've been spending a lot of time putting and working on that part of the game.

Q. Kind of on that note, we're about a third of the way through the season, you have a win. What's your assessment of the first eight or so tournaments of the year?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I'm pretty happy with my start. To be winning at age 65 is pretty unusual, but I have high expectations and I think I still have a lot of game. So hoping to get a couple more Ws under my belt before the season is over and have some good finishes.

Q. I believe you played in every instance of this tournament. How has it changed over the years?

BERNHARD LANGER: The tournament hasn't changed dramatically, but the infrastructure has grown, I think. They do a great job with this tournament. I think the area here, the public knows now that we're going to be here and they have embraced it, the community. We get big crowds. The whole setup is fantastic.

Q. Saying something compares to Augusta, there's no higher compliment, especially in the state of Georgia. What are the things specifically when you're out there that remind you of Augusta?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, very much the golf course, very hilly terrain. You don't get a lot of flat lies, it's all up and down. Similar grasses, which we find different grasses all over the country and this is obviously very similar to what we have at Augusta. Fast greens and just the whole look and the way it plays, the golf course reminds me of Augusta National.



Q. A number of former champions of this event including yourself, a number of World Golf Hall of Famers. What do you think of the field that will be competing this weekend?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it's very strong as usual out here, got some of the very best participating and competing for this tournament and trying to improve their standings in the Schwab Cup and all that. There's a lot on the line. The season is still young, but we know every point counts towards the end and the guys know that.

Q. With them playing different nines this year, does that affect anything going into this for you?

BERNHARD LANGER: No, it's the same, same for everybody, but the other nine is extremely hilly, very hilly. Seems like every tee shot you walk up to, then you hit the tee ball, then you walk down and then you walk back up to the green. It's like that for just about every hole, which makes it pretty difficult for the players and the caddies, especially the caddies carrying the bags. So there could be more carts out there this week than any other week.

