

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**TOM LEHMAN -12**  
**BERNHARD LANGER**

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**Q. You guys got off to a fast start in the harder format. What was the key?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** We hit it fairly close, and Tom made some really good putts. That was really it. If you got it within six or 10 feet, you had a much better chance than having 20-, 30-footer.

**TOM LEHMAN:** Bernhard hit it close to start with today.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** You hit it close on the first, and I hit it close once or twice.

**TOM LEHMAN:** I thought the wind got trickier. I thought the wind was more predictable that first nine holes and it was easier to judge what it was doing, and I thought the second nine it was more moving all over the place. As it warmed up, I think the wind started shifting a bit so it was harder to get it close. Like Bernhard said, the closer you get it the more putts you make.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** For me personally I felt in the afternoon out of the nine holes I hit five really good shots, but none of them were really, really close. The wind was either over the green or short of the green and all that kind of stuff, and I thought I hit a great shot on 1 and 2.

**TOM LEHMAN:** Yep.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Few others, and then they were all --

**TOM LEHMAN:** You hit a great shot there.

**Q. Does the wind put more focus on the putting you think because it's so tricky to judge, you have to hole more putts than you normally would?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** No, put a lot of emphasis on hitting the proper shot at the proper time. Because it's hard to do, to get it close, then you had longer putts.

**TOM LEHMAN:** Part of the issue here is all the tees are elevated, so you're up high hitting to a green that's down below and the wind is blowing, and there is more time for that wind to affect it. If you guess wrong on the wind, you can hit a really good shot and kind of look stupid.

**Q. What makes this such a good partnership?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** We just enjoy each other's friendship that we've shared for so

many years, and we love team championship, I think, Ryder Cup and World Cup. We don't have a lot of team golf in professional golf and I've always loved it. I wasn't even an amateur growing up, so I never played any team golf, except for the few. We just enjoy each other's company. We have the same mindset, same belief systems, families have been friends for years.

**TOM LEHMAN:** Kids the same age, all kind of on a parallel path.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Both our daughters on the bags. Pretty cool.