

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**BERNHARD LANGER (-6)**

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**Q. It's funny, I did a little story yesterday on you guys, you and John and how different you were, and looked like out there that you guys were kind of working off each other a little bit?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** We're not that different, we had a similar score, it's amazing. No, he played very well and so did I, and we had fun together and it was a great time.

**Q. I know you've played this course plenty of times. Is there anything that you took particularly from today's round that you might take with you in your mind over the rest of the weekend, or is it just --**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Not really, no. I played solid. Made my first bogey when I might have hit my best shot, a 4-iron off the tee that just went further than I thought. Just got to work on my putting a little bit and I should be right there on Sunday.

**Q. I was just talking to Fred Funk who was telling me that you guys are -- you're allowing him to be your roomie, so to speak, this week.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, he's one of our guests.

**Q. How many guests do you have at your house?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Three right now.

**Q. Who are the others?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Tom Lehman, and then Fred Funk's caddie.

**Q. Just tell me about Mr. Funk. That must be an interesting scene over there at night. Do you guys talk about your rounds or --**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** No. Actually, we had Bible study last night, fellowship for an hour, hour and a half, with a whole bunch of other believers on Tour. We do that every Thursday. And tonight we're actually going to go to my church and do an outreach, so some more Christian evening. And then we'll have dinners together, we tell a few stories, have a good laugh and do it all over again.

**Q. Speaking of dinners, he was kind of shaking his head at how much you like ice cream and cookies, and you look like a guy who might only --**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** So does he, and he's as fit as a whistle and he eats a lot of ice cream and all that too, so we have that in common. We have a sweet tooth.

**Q. So how do you stay -- is it everything in moderation?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** No, not really. Just working out a lot and being active and hopefully burn most of it off.

**Q. Do you like having fellow players staying at your house? It's so close by, I'm sure they're calling you and stuff, but does that sort of make it a special week for you?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, sure. It's great to offer other guys to stay with us. It's comfortable for them, it's easy, it's convenient and all that, and they save some money and we have a good time together.

**Q. And Fred doesn't steal too much of your ice cream and cookies, right?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Oh, he's known to make a good dig in there, but that's okay, that's what it's for.

**Q. Early on top of the leaderboard, tied for the first for a while, how important is it to get off to a fast start like that?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It is. You don't want to be too far behind. We play three rounds most of the time, so you can't afford to have a bad round. You've got to be somewhere right there and try and be on the leaderboard or at the very top. Yeah, I was playing really nicely, 7 under after 13, and then ran into two bogeys, which was not so good. But finished with a birdie and not too far away.

**Q. What's it like playing alongside a guy like John Daly? Obviously he gets a ton of attention. What's it like playing alongside of him?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Oh, I've played with him many times. He's fun to be with. He's really nice and played very well today. Hits the ball a long ways, but he hit really good iron shots and putted well. Had a bit of a bad stretch in the middle, but the beginning and the end was very impressive.