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BERNHARD LANGER (-14)

Q. Well, things were going very well until 17. Can you just talk about the putt there that missed?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I played very well all day really until that second shot on 17. The bunker shot was pretty good, and then just made a bad stroke. Been putting very poorly all week really. I haven't made anything over 15 feet all week, and if I'd putted well, I would have been 20 under or more. It wasn't the case.

Then on 18 I knew I had to make most likely an eagle or birdie to have any chance. Thought I hit a good tee shot, but it took a vicious kick right and ended up in a horrible lie. I couldn't move some of the whatever this stuff is here. Ended up 50 yards short in the bunker, which is the worst, the hardest shot in golf. From there on it just went downhill. It's just a sad finish to a really great week of golf. I played really good for 52 holes, and then the last two holes were just not so good, bad breaks.

Q. Bernhard, can you talk about Mark coming back from that water on 16?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, he putted well, that was the difference. He made that putt. We had the same putt on 17, he made it for bogey, I missed mine for birdie, and that was clutch for him to stay level with me. Then he hit a really good shot into 17 and, you know, 18 I didn't put any pressure on him. He got away with making par. But he played well and putted very well.

Q. Talk about the grind. I mean obviously started two shots off the lead. Just what was it like to have to come back from behind today?

BERNHARD LANGER: I was patient. I figured I might have my chances as long as I play well and put the pressure on, and I was hoping to make some putts, which really didn't happen. But I still got to draw even. And at 16 it even looked like I might be one ahead, but he made a good putt. I had my chances, just didn't finish off.

Q. Did the way 16 play out there with him making that bogey save, did that change your strategy coming down the stretch for 17, 18?

BERNHARD LANGER: No, no. Whether you're level or whether you're one behind, doesn't really matter. You've got to play the last two holes well. I hit a fantastic tee shot and all I had to do is hit a 6-iron on the green. I mis-hit it in the bunker and made bogey. And then 18 I had a really bad break, two bad breaks in a row, so what can you do, that's golf.