

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW**  
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**BERNHARD LANGER (-11)**

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**CHRIS RICHARDS:** Bernhard Langer, congratulations on winning your fifth Charles Schwab Cup. Does each one become more special?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, that's difficult to say because the first one is obviously very special and then, you know, as they get more, I think each one is very special because it's a long road, it's very difficult to do. There's a lot of competition out there, a lot of tournaments. It's a season-long thing and you just never know how it's going to end up with the systems that we have in place. You know, last year I probably deserved it more so than this year, but last year I finished second, this year I won.

So I'm very grateful for every year I can be out here just playing healthy and competing. It's a great honor and what a blessing to have five of these. It's quite remarkable.

**CHRIS RICHARDS:** When you think back at your season, what are you most proud of?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, just I felt like I didn't have my best putting year this year. I struggled with my putting for a number of months. Still managed to get on top of the Money List and the Schwab Cup standings. And that gives me encouragement for next year, actually, that if I can improve my putting a little bit and if I keep playing similar to the way I have been, I might still be in contention next year, too.

**CHRIS RICHARDS:** Now this afternoon was a little bit of an unusual celebration, not on the green, but you were able to be with friends and family. What was that celebration like up there in player dining?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It was awesome. You know, I decided yesterday to wear this outfit, the camouflage shirt and the orange pants, which is a little bit bright and all that but very fitting because of Veterans Day tomorrow.

My wife decided to go shopping and buy some orange pants and camouflage shirts for the whole group that was staying with me. So she surprised me today. I was practicing putting and just before I teed off and I heard my wife or one of my friends talk, and I turn around and here they are in the same outfit that I'm wearing pretty much. It was pretty cool. You couldn't miss them out on the golf course.

**CHRIS RICHARDS:** All right. I'll open it up to questions for Bernhard.

**Q. Bernhard, when you finished today, how did you assess your chances of bringing home a fifth Cup?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, I figured chances were fairly good, but it was out of my control because when I teed off this morning, I mean Scott had a one-shot lead, but I figured there were four or five guys close enough to give him a run for the money. Scott was playing very well, very confident, and I think this golf course suits him with his length. He was making lots of putts.

So I wasn't overly confident that he wouldn't win, and it was very simple. If he wins, my hat's off to him, he deserves to win the tournament and the Cup. If he doesn't win, if he finishes second or worse, it looked like I was going to win unless Scott Parel shoots a course record or something else crazy. But I was able to finish ahead of my nearest competitors, which was Scott Parel and Jimenez. And the other guys, you know, had an outside shot, so the only one really threatening was Scott McCarron.

**Q. What were your thoughts like playing on the course and just being here in Phoenix at the Phoenix Country Club?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It's a wonderful place to come here. I've actually been here two weeks because I took last week off and stayed here with a friend of mine, Tom Lehman. Spent a few days with him and just enjoyed the beautiful weather and the surroundings here. It's incredible. I don't think I've seen many clouds since I've been here for two weeks in a row. The weather has always been, seems like, 55 at night and 85 during the day.

The people are extremely friendly. They love us coming here. I feel everybody, even the chefs, the locker room people, the pro shop people who have to put in very long hours, extremely long hours for a week like this, yet you would never guess that they're tired or they're fed up or whatever. They're always here with a smile on their face. Thrilled that we would be able to play here and that they would have us for a week. That just makes you feel very special.

**Q. I would like to ask, when do you start preparing for next year?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Not even thinking about that. Right now, I'm on vacation.

**Q. You're not thinking about it?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** No.

**Q. I jokingly said to someone that you were going to go home, and he said, no, he's probably going to go practice tonight.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Are you kidding me? No, I'm not going to touch a club for about two weeks, I think. Then I play the Father-Son middle of December with my oldest daughter, so I will be practicing a little bit before that for a few days.

Right after that we're going to go skiing in Europe and spend Christmas over there with my folks, so there will be another two weeks of no golf.

And then yeah, early January -- I come back the 31st of December, so January 1st I'll be putting the heavy workload in to get ready for Hawaii. But up until then, golf is not a priority at all. I'll be doing other things.

**CHRIS RICHARDS:** All right. We've got Vijay coming in here, so congratulations, Bernhard, on your fifth Charles Schwab Cup.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Thank you very much.