

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

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**JACKIE SERVAIS:** Four-time Insperity Invitational champion, Bernhard Langer. Could you just talk us through what you felt after that tee shot on 18?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, I was not happy. It's the last place I wanted to go really was into the trees on the right. My goal was to hit it down the left half of the fairway away from the water. But I took a 3-wood, which if I hit it really good, there's a chance it could go in the water. I took a chance to go up there and have a little less iron into the green, but it was a bad shot. Came out of it, hit a little fat.

When I got down there, it was behind a big trailer that was parked there. I think it's the TV trailer where they hang out to broadcast the tournament. So I got relief from the trailer, line of sight, and was able to go to the right where there were no more trees. So I had a clear shot in terms of no trees, but I had a big mound so I couldn't see anything where I was really going.

I had to carry 180 yards of water and then the pin was like seven yards over the water, so I had to make sure I made good contact. Guessing the wind and coming out of the rough, all those things, you could get a flyer, you never know what happens coming out of the rough.

So I made a reasonable swing, decent contact, and I was just literally praying that I had the right club. Hit 5-iron and it was leaking a little bit with the wind. I had a crosswind, but I couldn't start the ball left because that trailer was in my way and the leaderboard or whatever was there.

So ended up about 15, 18 feet right of the green pin high in the rough and had a beautiful lie that was really beneficial. Played a nice chip shot to about three and a half, four feet and caught that one in the middle of the hole. So it was nice not to have to go to another playoff.

**JACKIE SERVAIS:** What was your mindset at that putt?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I was just trying to, first of all, read it correctly. From the chip shot, I saw it just as it slowed down, it went a little that way, so I figured it was right center. And it looked right center, so there was no weird thing about it. Sometimes out here you can get the slope one way and the grain the other, then you don't know what to play for. That one was pretty much straightforward. So I just lined up my putter and tried to make a smooth stroke, not quick, not jerky, not anything, just deliver the putter head smoothly to the ball. It was one of my better putts under the circumstances.

**JACKIE SERVAIS:** With your first victory this year, now you move to No. 1 on the Charles Schwab Cup Money List. Go back to Monday. Could you picture yourself sitting here today?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I was hoping I would sit here, but you never know in golf. I just -- the last two tournaments I played out here I lost in a playoff, so I could have sat in the winner's circle a little earlier, but it didn't happen. But I knew I came here with my game in good order. I felt I was striking the ball well. It was all a matter of not hitting bad shots at the wrong time and getting punished or making a few putts or not. When you hit the ball well and you hit it where you're looking, most of the time you've just got to make a few putts. Tournaments are won and lost on the green most of the time.

**JACKIE SERVAIS:** You now are the oldest player on PGA TOUR Champions with the most victories of 12, this one did it. What do you have to say for that? I know a lot of guys talk about as you get older it's harder to win, but for you that doesn't seem to be the case.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Most victories of 12? I didn't get that part.

**JACKIE SERVAIS:** You have 12, you have 12 victories, so that's the most of a PGA TOUR Champions player.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Oh, I thought I had --

**Q. Over 60?**

**JACKIE SERVAIS:** Yes, over 60.

**Q. This is 37, I think.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, it's --

**JACKIE SERVAIS:** Over 60, yes.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** 12 over 60. No, I don't have 12 over 60. That's wrong information. I've got about three or four.

**Q. You're only 60.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, I just turned 60 in August, so I won two playoff events last year and this is my third one, I think, in the 60s.

That's okay. What do I think about that? I'll take anything over 60. That's what it comes down to, because most guys, they struggle at this age and it's difficult to beat those 50- and 51-year olds. So I'm very blessed to still be winning at my age.

**JACKIE SERVAIS:** Let me correct that.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** That's all right.

**JACKIE SERVAIS:** The victory is his fourth since turning 60, becoming the Tour's all-time leader in wins at the age of 60 or older.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** That makes sense, yeah. It has been four. Actually, I won the Boeing as well.

**Q. I'm sure you have. Have you won any other tournament four times?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, yeah, I've won my own tournament, the German Masters, four times. I won the German Open four times. Those are European Tour events. Nothing over here. I think I won THE PLAYERS Championship three times in a row, but not four. That may be the only one.

**Q. The script wasn't -- had you chosen a script for today, it wouldn't have been the script you took, but I guess there's probably a lot of satisfaction in doing it the way you did it, right?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, yes. My script would have been coming down the last with a three-shot lead or something like that, but that didn't happen.

Very fortunate and blessed to have come back. I wasn't playing my best golf this morning and nothing really went my way. I was 2 over par through eight holes. Played No. 9 and birdied 9. I looked up at the leaderboard and I was 4 behind. Well, after the birdie I was 3 behind Goydos. I knew I had to pull out something special on the back nine to make up the deficit and started playing a whole lot better. Birdied 10 right away and I had a chance on 11, which I didn't make. 12, I got up and in out of the bunker. And then 13, made a good birdie. Had a chance on 14. Had an eagle putt on 15, which I didn't make. And a really good chance on 17, hit a really nice 9-iron into a dangerous pin position. So played some pretty good golf coming down the stretch, except the tee shot on 18.

**Q. The approach, you were totally blind? Looked like you couldn't see it?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I couldn't see the flag, no. I was aiming at a big tent behind the green. A certain part of the tent because there's tents everywhere, so I had to aim at a certain point.

**Q. You had the trailer to your left and where was the scoreboard?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, I think it was the only trailer unless it was trailer and scoreboard, I can't remember. But there was a big board, because I really wanted, and I only got one club relief, but the wind coming across, I really wanted to aim further left, but

then I would have hit the board or the trailer. So I had to go pretty much straight at the flag, and then coming out of it slightly and the wind took it, that's why it missed the green right.

**Q. Have you ever won a tournament when your first stroke of the tournament traveled about 150 yards off a tree?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** That's a good question. Actually, I have. I once -- well, maybe not the first stroke, but one of my craziest starts ever was the quadruple bogey and a double bogey my first two holes. I was 6 over.

**Q. And you still won?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** No, I didn't, but I finished second. I was thinking when's the next flight to Munich, that kind of thing. Figured I would miss the cut and ended up two shots behind the winner.

**Q. Earlier in the week you were introduced as three-time winner of the Insperity and Jackie introduces you now as a four-time winner of the Insperity. How much better does that sound?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Definitely better four than three, but you know, one of my daughters' favorite number is three, but I like four better. You know, this tournament is very special in my heart. It was my first victory out here on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2007 and I really get along well with the Insperity guys, they do a great job. They're really a fantastic sponsor for us.

Then Brian Naugle and his team, Jane Wandmacher and everybody else involved, they know how to run a tournament, they make us feel very special. When they decided to make it an invitational a few years ago, it went to a different level and you can tell. It's a great golf course, great venue, and an extremely well-run event.

**Q. So you would have just turned 50 when you played in the first one?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yes. It was like my fifth tournament out here, my fourth, something like that, I think.

**Q. So would the third playoff have been a charm?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** You never know, you never know.

**Q. You don't have to answer.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I didn't want to really go to another playoff, and TV guys were happy not to have to stay a little longer as well.

**Q. Did you win in '14 staying in your friend's house, or is this the first time you won at your buddy's house on No. 9?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, I stayed there in '08 and '14, I think, and '07, I believe. Is that correct, Fran? Yeah.

**Q. I'm assuming you'll be back next year?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I sure hope so, yeah. Always enjoy defending.

**Q. There's an expression in sports, you don't get rings for championships, you get trophies and money, of course, but we would say one for the thumb next year.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** You get rings from the championships. He did when he played baseball, he did, or basketball, right? No, we don't get rings.