

**BERNHARD LANGER ( -11, lost 1<sup>st</sup> playoff hole)**

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**Q. Very long weekend or especially today. How do you feel, and just talk me through that last hole there.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, it's disappointing. I had been leading for a great deal over the weekend and just didn't hit a good tee shot there, a little bit too far left, didn't catch that chute down the right and had to lay up. That part was disappointing. I had a good opportunity on the regulation 54th hole. I had a really good yardage for my 2-hybrid after a great drive and just guarded a little bit against the water and the wind took it into the bunker and didn't get up and down.

**Q. Can you talk me through I believe it was 15 tee shot off from the rough but good recovery, I think you made par there with the long putt?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, pull-hooked my 3-wood a little bit. We were trying to hit it down the left because it kicks off that bank and just overcooked it a little bit. Ball ended up on the cart path. I got a drop and hit a good shot up there, two-putted for par.

**Q. And you've been so consistent not just at this tournament but throughout your career on this tour. What's the key to that consistency?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It's a lot of things. You need a good technique, you need mental strength, got to be healthy to start off. I have a good coach, I have a good caddie, a good family around and all sorts of other things. It's not just one thing.

**Q. And a lot of pros we talked to here say you spend a lot of time at the course, you take your preparation seriously. Is that another part of it?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, of course it is. Most of us do, it's our job. And if I come out here to work, I had better be prepared. If I'm not prepared, I can't expect anything, I might as well stay at home. That's my attitude about everything I do. I prepare and I want to do the best.

**Q. What was it that clicked this week for you, Bernhard? You've been more up and down than you usually are, but you played well this week.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I did, I've been playing all right for most of the year, just not -- my short game wasn't good enough. The short game was better, I made a few putts. And yeah, that was the difference really, making putts. I was ranked 62nd in putting this season, which is horrible compared to where I was the last few years. I improved that part, but still

need improved some more.

**Q. I know that you said your short game was better. There are a couple shorter birdie putts on the back nine. Is that something that you're going to look back on the round and feel like that's where you fell short?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** You know, it's not just the back nine. I played 54 holes. I had so many opportunities here and there, it's not just one shot on the back nine. As I said earlier, yeah, 18 I could have -- you put me in that position I'll probably birdie it seven or eight out of 10. I didn't birdie it this time. That one I might remember. I'm not going to remember any of the other ones, there's too many of them.

**Q. 36 holes today, rather unique. Was this one of the more grueling days you've had?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Definitely, especially on this golf course. If you play 36 on a normal golf course, but we were allowed to use carts so that helped a great deal. But it's a long day. I got here at, I don't know, 7:00 in the morning and it's now, what, 7:30, 8:00, so it's a long day with very little break for lunch.

**Q. Well, let's get you some dinner.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Sounds good to me.