

BERNHARD LANGER (-8)

Q. Bernhard, great start today, 8 under. What's it like to get off to that great a start at your hometown event?

BERNHARD LANGER: Oh, it's fantastic. It's a three-day event. You can't afford to have a mediocre day somewhere, you need three good rounds if you want to win the tournament. I'm very happy with my 64 today. I played fairly solid golf most of the time, a couple of good up-and-downs, a couple long putts, so very happy with it.

Q. Does your comfort level help you out? You've played this golf course a number of times and it's also your hometown.

BERNHARD LANGER: Absolutely, yeah. It helps to have played the course I don't know how many times now, but I've played maybe, what, 10 tournaments here, something like that, and a bunch of other practice rounds. I imagine it's got to be well over 100 rounds or thereabouts.

So I do know the golf course very well, but so do most of the other guys except for guys like Retief Goosen, who just is a rookie and probably only had three trips around the course so far. So that certainly helps. I'm fairly comfortable with the course, with the conditions and it was a solid round.

Q. You have your daughter, Jackie, as your caddie. I think she said this is the third time that she's been with you. Is that emotional for you when you're on the course?

BERNHARD LANGER: Oh, it's always fun having my kids out with me. We have four kids and they've all caddied at some point in time, not a whole lot but some. We've had quite a bit of success with all of them. It's great for her to be willing to come out and do this. I got her a lighter bag so the load is not so heavy and she loves it. She got into the game of golf more and more the last few years. We played the Father-Son together even though she's my daughter and that was a lot of fun, so we enjoy our time together, yeah.

Q. Is it a little bit different of a relationship? I mean, you have your normal father-daughter rip off of the course. Is it the same when you're on or is there a little bit of a different dynamic?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, there's a little different dynamic because she needs to keep up and do this and do that. Sometimes I just, you know, move over there or don't stand here, you know, make sure -- but she knows all of that now. The first round or two there were slight hiccups, but she's done a great job. She's played golf most of her life, she

knows the rules, she knows how to rake a bunker and how to attend the flagstick, all that kind of stuff, keep the clubs clean. So the only thing I can't ask her is how to read the greens because that would be too hard for her to do, so I just go do it myself.

Q. Bernhard, you're going to be with Jesper tomorrow. He was just talking about how you two know each other very well. Do you enjoy playing with him?

BERNHARD LANGER: Oh, absolutely, I enjoy playing with everybody out here really, but Jesper is very unique. We're both from Europe, go way back, played on Ryder Cups together and stuff like that. He lives not too far from here, so we both made Florida our home. We have a bunch in common. I love his family and his wife, Mia, and the kids. We've spent quite a bit of time together over the years.

Q. How tough was it to watch that putt on 18 fall just short there?

BERNHARD LANGER: Oh, yes, I couldn't believe it. It was tracking just perfectly right towards the center of the hole, I was just hoping it had enough speed, but it was downhill, down grain, so it should have kept going. At the very last second it made a left turn and just got out of there somehow.

Q. And finally, is there something to be said for playing so close to home and being able to go home and relax and sleep in your own bed tonight? Does that play a role in your comfort level as far as the tournament?

BERNHARD LANGER: No, not really, not in the comfort level of playing golf, but it's nice to be at home and to have lots of friends and family members out here cheering me on. It also puts a little more work and stress into my schedule because there are things that are going on this week that wouldn't happen in Tucson or Chicago or L.A. or wherever I might play.