

BERNHARD LANGER (-12)

Q. That last putt had to be very nice?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it was sweet after making bogey on 17 from the middle of the fairway. Didn't hit a good 4-iron, but had a horrible lie on the edge of the bunker. Somebody when they raked the bunker, they brought sand out onto the grass and it was sitting on a downhill lie.

Anyways, just kind of bladed it over the green and had a good up-and-down from there. Anyways, after making my first bogey of the week there, it was nice to finish with three perfect shots.

Q. What's the difference between leading by a shot or being tied going into tomorrow?

BERNHARD LANGER: Watch out. That's really not a great deal one way or another, but rather be one in front than one behind probably.

Q. It's hard to believe it's been nine years since you've won here, you've had a lot of chances.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I had some good tournaments here. Had some mediocre ones, but mostly good. Know the golf course, know how to play it. It's a shot-maker's course, you've got to drive the ball well and hit greens and hopefully roll a few in.

There's no excuse if I mess up because I know how to play every hole. But the wind makes it very tough, always does, and the wind was up today and it's probably going to be blowing even more tomorrow.

Q. I know you won't think about this, but if you win tomorrow, you'll be the all-time money earner on the PGA TOUR Champions, so what would that mean?

BERNHARD LANGER: That's a pretty cool title to have or whatever. It's not really a title, but it's an achievement that is pretty amazing. You know, planning to play a few more years, so if it doesn't happen tomorrow, it should happen sooner or later. Hopefully it will happen tomorrow. It just shows how well I've played the last 11 years. It's been an amazing ride and a true blessing for me.

Q. You finished bogey-bogey last year, which is so uncharacteristic of you. Have you thought about that a lot since or --

BERNHARD LANGER: I probably thought about it for a day or two afterwards, but that's golf. I said if you put yourself in that position of winning, you're going to win some and you're going to lose some.

We all talk about Jack Nicklaus' 18 majors. He's also had 17 seconds or 16 or something. We don't talk about those, but it's a similar situation. He put himself a lot of times in that situation and he won a lot, but he also must have messed up here or there every once in a while, otherwise he wouldn't have had that many seconds, I imagine. I don't know.

Q. Have you won with Jackie on the bag?

BERNHARD LANGER: Not yet. Lost a playoff last year and had a second here, so we've knocked on the door.

Q. I know with Mark it meant a lot to him last year to win with Brenda. What would it mean for you to win with your daughter?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it would mean a lot. It would mean a lot to her because the two boys have won with me, I think. Yeah, Christina won, too; the other daughter. She may be the only one I haven't won with yet. Actually, maybe I haven't won with Jason, I'm not quite sure. Have to look that up.

I'm sure it would mean a lot to her, especially with the home crowds, lots of friends and family members around here that follow us, cheer us on.

Q. Four top-10s since you won here. Is there any sense this tournament owes you one?

BERNHARD LANGER: You know, it's never quite that way. Nobody owes you anything.

Sometimes you get that feeling. I like this course, I enjoy playing it and enjoy coming here every year. Whatever the outcome is, it doesn't matter, I'll come back next year if I'm healthy enough.

Q. How long does it take you to get here from your house?

BERNHARD LANGER: About 10 minutes on average, depends on the traffic and how many red lights I catch. Only two lights, actually three lights.

Q. David Toms claims your house is on the putting green.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, that's probably where it should be, but not quite.