



BERNHARD LANGER

Q. You're at a place that you have a lot of really, really good memories at, I would imagine. Can you just talk about coming back here?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it's a phenomenal golf course, beautiful place this time of the year especially, and conditions are just fantastic. And then the setting, the final 36, we all worked so hard all year to be here, to be in the field and hopefully have a chance to win the Schwab Cup. I was fortunate the last few years to do that and this year I'm chasing instead of being chased, so it's going to be a different story for me, a different feeling. I'm going to have to be very aggressive this week and go for the flags, try to go low and hopefully win the tournament and then see what happens.

Q. What is that chase like? What will you be feeling kind of as the tournament gets going?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it's going to be four rounds as well of aggressive golf. There will be some tight pins that I'm going to have to go after where in the past, when I was leading, I might have aimed for the middle of the green every once in a while to stay away from trouble. I might not have that luxury this year. I might have to just go for it and hopefully pull it off.

The problem is if you don't, you've got to pay a big price by getting a double bogey or bogey or something like that, so that's a fine line to walk.

Q. What does this tournament mean to you? I mean, 26 events and now here we are at the 27th and you, Scott and Jerry and Colin and Retief have a chance to win the whole season-long prize. What does this all mean to you guys?

BERNHARD LANGER: I think it means a great deal. It means that you've done well throughout the season. When you look at the Charles Schwab Cup standings, you've got some big names up there, some good players, very good players. You can say the crème de la crème or whatever rose to the top. There's many other players that are a part of all that, but you've got some good guys with an opportunity to lift the Charles Schwab Cup at the end of the week and culminate a fantastic season. That's what those five guys are after.

And then the other guys are still after one of the biggest purses and prizes we have all year long, \$440,000 for first is a nice little carrot and the guys will go after it. Plus, they want to finish -- you know, the higher you finish, the better for next year and all that stuff.

Q. What has gone right for you here through the years? What is it about this course?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, this place, not much has gone right for me because I haven't won the tournament yet. Actually, I've never won this tournament. Especially at this course, I haven't had a top-3, so I need to figure out what has not gone right and do it better. I think part of that could have been that I was leading coming here and playing maybe a little more defensively than most of the time. This year I'm going to have to attack, attack every hole, attack every pin and be aggressive and hopefully it will pay off.

Q. What did you see walking around today, playing today? Anything different?

BERNHARD LANGER: Nothing new from the last couple years. I don't think anything has changed. The course is in great shape, the greens are beautiful. If the wind is down, it's there for the taking, but you can still get punished. There's a lot of water holes, there's a lot of trouble out there, too. You can't just wail away and say, well, I'm going to shoot 6 under here no matter what.

Q. So you're chasing your sixth cup this week and you've obviously won five before. You've had so much success in the Charles Schwab Cup, would the sixth mean as much to you looking back to the first few?

BERNHARD LANGER: Absolutely, I think it would mean just as much because every year it's a new season. You start from scratch and the Schwab Cup is the big trophy at the end of the season. It means you were the best player or one of the best players, you played well at the right time and that's what everybody's after. So it would mean a great deal. And nobody's ever won six, so it would be another record.