

**BERNHARD LANGER (-9)**

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**Q. Great round today, very impressive.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Thank you.

**Q. You seem to always be in the mix here. What was it that clicked today?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Played solid and made some putts. Made a lot of medium putts, which is nice. Can't take those for granted. Kept the ball in play, no lava excursions.

**Q. Hard to avoid sometimes.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Hitting more fairways, more greens, and made a few medium putts, so that was nice. The only real hiccup was that 8-iron on 16, which I don't know, couldn't see the wind blowing that hard.

**Q. How were the conditions today? Wind was blowing still in?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, about 10 miles an hour, which is to be expected around here, but then it picked up. The last three holes I think it was more like 20 miles an hour.

**Q. 17 and 18 played very difficult coming in. Is that because of the wind do you think?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, yeah, because the wind picked up tremendously. I mean, 17 would normally be a 7-iron distance and I was hitting a low hooky 5-iron, so it was almost two and a half clubs. I mean Stricker hit a 5-iron, got up in the wind and came up 15 yards short. Just shows you it depends on what shape you hit and if the ball stays low or climbs or whatever it does, but the wind was howling.

**Q. A couple of holes here you pick up birdies where you bogeyed yesterday. What was the difference really on those holes?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, yesterday I made four bogeys, more than I wanted to make all week really, but it was that kind of day. Just missed a lot of greens yesterday, missed nine greens and had a couple of good up-and-downs, but obviously at 4 I didn't get up and down, or one was in the lava, hit 3-wood, so had to reload. It was just a couple of loose shots, not hitting the greens.

**Q. Have you had anything with the rule changes, any drops or any kind of --**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, I had a drop, I had a whatever, different things. But we had a rules meeting, so I think I got a good grip on it, know what to do.

**Q. Have you putted with the pin in?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Only to finish off; otherwise, I don't want it in. I would rather have it not in most of the time.