

**BERNHARD LANGER (-8)**

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**Q. Scoring average 64, that's pretty good. Assess your day today.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Let's quit right here, right? I had a wonderful day, start with a birdie, finished with a birdie and really played solid golf. I made one stupid bogey. We make good bogeys and we make terrible bogeys. I had a pitching wedge from middle of the fairway and made bogey, so that doesn't feel good, but it happens.

**Q. It can happen. Two wins last year, what did Bernhard Langer say to Bernhard Langer over the winter break?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** That's a great question. I was doing a lot of self talking in a way. Obviously I'm 62, so getting up there in age. The young guys coming out like Ernie Els and Retief Goosen and many others who hit it 20, 30, maybe 40 by me. So it's going to get harder, but I still believe that I can improve and compete at the highest level.

**Q. What really motivates you to keep going? (Reference to his son, does that keep him going.)**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Not really, because I don't play much with him anymore except for the Father-Son and a couple of rounds at home. No, I just enjoy the game and I would rather play well than play poorly. We all do, I think. I know I can make slight improvements with my swing and with everything and I'm willing to practice when I'm out here. I take a lot of time off when I'm home, put the clubs away and do other things and I enjoy where I am at this time in my life.

**Q. We just heard a lot of what John talked to you about but maybe a follow-up question is you obviously love this golf course, it fits your game well, you've played and won three times. So is it nice to be back here? Just thoughts on returning and trying to get a fourth win?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Is it nice to be back here? That's the understatement of the year. Yeah, this is my favorite event not just because of golf course but just because of everything. You know, it's a phenomenal hotel, beautiful facilities all around, great food, good weather, nice people, fantastic sponsor. It doesn't get much better.

**Q. Five more years.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** So just enjoy being here. Yeah, we're excited about that news. Yeah, so here we go again. I thought two months off was a long time and I turn around and

I had one week left. I go, what? No way it's gone already.

**Q. Could you expand on what you told John. You still believe -- you won 40 times and you can still compete at the highest level, can you expand on that, what you told John?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, it's going to get harder. Obviously when I first came out I was in the top-10 in driving distance for the first few years, now I'm 35th or something. That's normal for being my age. Nothing to be ashamed of, it's nature taking its course and I'm not going to be different than other people. Tom Watson went through it, Hale Irwin went through it, we're all going through it.

But there's more to the game than length, so you have to hopefully hit it straighter and be a little more precise with the irons, with the short game and you can score. Obviously these guys have a huge advantage on certain courses in certain conditions where I can't reach par 5s and they can or they're hitting 9-iron, I'm hitting 5-iron into a green. That's a big advantage, but you've still got to get the ball in the hole, so there's a lot more to it. If I can be very consistent statistically hitting fairways, hitting greens and getting it up and down and all that, if I can keep in the top-3, top-5 there, I'm going to show up a few times.

**Q. Question's coming out of left field, are you going to be at the Masters?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Absolutely. Wouldn't miss it.