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**We're now joined by Bernhard Langer here at the Sanford International. You're making your seventh appearance here. The last two times you came out here, top four finishes. How good is it to be back here at Minnehaha Country Club?**

Well, it's always great to be back here. I think Sioux Falls is a great destination for us. There's not too many big sporting events happening in this area. So we're kind of in the big league here. It's special and the people enjoy. They come out in good numbers, supporting the tournament. It's all for a great cause. We raise lots of money for local charities. And I've been fortunate enough to be a Sanford Ambassador for a number of years. I got to know the people behind it the big name and the big facility, and it's phenomenal, the kind of work they do, you know, with the Children's Hospital, to the other things they do in the medical field is fantastic, and this area is very blessed to have someone like Sanford here

**Professional golf does more, I think that any other sports probably combined, to raise money for charities. But for you, as you were just talking about being an ambassador, how much more special does that make it for you to be personally involved, not just part of the tournament?**

Well, it makes it that much more special just to get an idea of what's behind it. You know, many times we don't really see what's going on behind these organizations that are sponsoring our events. And I got to see, you know, I was shown all the buildings, all the facilities they have created here and done here and what Denny Sanford has given to Sanford is phenomenal in what they have created, and the local community profits from it, and it goes beyond that. So for me, very unique and very special to be a very, very tiny part of that big Sanford Health community.

**What is it about this course that suits it so well for the Champions Tour?**

Oh, I think first of all, it's in good shape or in great shape, which is what we're hoping to find every week, and they seem to do a great job year after year. But it's just one of those courses that demands everything. It's not just a bomber's course. It's not just this, it's not just that. You got to be precise, you got to be long at times, you got to be creative. You got to drive the ball, hit good iron shots and have a great short game in. And you can say, well, that's the case with most courses, and that may be true. But I think here you also have to shape the ball on a few holes off the tee. The greens are usually at a pretty good speed, and they can become pretty treacherous, so you better know what you're doing.

**So how nice is it to not have Steve's tricker here this year?**

Yeah, I think everybody has a chance now that Steve is absent. We obviously feel for him. He must be going through some very difficult times with his injuries and recovery. But yeah, for this week, we were just jokingly saying, you know, anybody could win now that Steve's not here.

**You've always played pretty well here. How hungry are you to win this tournament?**

Very hungry. I haven't won in a while. And yeah, this one is missing on my list. So yeah, I will give it 100%, that's for sure.

**Is there something you can pinpoint in the past that has cost you at this course?**

Well, there's always something, you know, and that changes from week to week. Sometimes you don't drive the ball well enough, or you miss a putt or two that you probably could have made or you made a wrong call. You know, you saw the wind was into you and it was across, and you hit the wrong club, and it went too far or too short and got you into trouble. So there's so many, that's what makes golf so interesting, you know, that there's so many aspects to this game where you can make mistakes or where you can excel.

**Andy North was talking to me yesterday about the fact that he thinks the players that have been here a lot have a distinct advantage with course knowledge over the rookies, like Stewart, for example.**

That may be the case, but you know, it helps to have local knowledge. It helps to have played this course in different windy conditions, when it's firm, when it's wet, to know where the pin positions have been in the past, and where they most likely could be again this year, and how that plays. So all of that is important, but then, yeah, in defense of the rookies and the caddies, they are true professionals and they can figure courses out in a few days and pretty much know most what there is to know about it. And if they're on top of their game, you know, Stuart certainly has to lengths in the game to win anywhere, whether he knows the course inside out or not.

**Talk about the crowd here, the gallery. Players over the years have told me it feels like you're in a major when you're here. How much does that influence this being a great stop on the tour for all of you guys?**

Well, yeah, that's a big part of it, you know. Like I said earlier, we feel like we're the big shots in this town. The people really take to the tournament, they come out in great numbers to support us, and it creates a wonderful atmosphere for us to play in front of.