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We're now joined by World Golf Hall of Fame member Bernhard Langer, making his 8th appearance here at the Sanford International. Just to start, how good is it to be back here in Sioux Falls?

It's always great to be back here. It's one of my favorite events on our circuit and being a Sanford ambassador makes it even more special. I think this event has really grown in stature and nature year to year and it's great to be a small part of it.

This will be your 15th start of the season. The last time we saw you was two weeks ago at The Ally Challenge. You turned 69 years old during that week. How are you feeling about everything coming into this week?

Feeling pretty good, fairly healthy, and still enjoying being out here and competing with the best around the world. It's a lot of fun, we've had some great venues and good people, so every week, it's a new adventure.

Can you assess your season for us?

I got off to a pretty decent start and since then, it's been kind of mediocre I would call it. I've played a little less this year; our son got married and a couple other things, but it's been steady. Just the putter was not working very well for a while and yeah, I haven't been in the top 5 or so for quite a while, so I've got to try and figure out what's going on and finish the year a little stronger.

I'm sure you know where you're at in the Schwab Cup. You know you haven't missed Phoenix – is that in the back of your mind at all?

Yeah, it's one of my goals to be at the Schwab Cup. Having said that, I'm going to miss two more tournaments at least, maybe more. So, it's going to be tough, but I just need to start playing a little better.

You mentioned you've been here for 8 years now. What is it like for you just to see this particular golf community grow?

It's fantastic to see where they've come from. This tournament seems to be growing in stature and nature every year – more sponsors, greater awareness. I think the locals, they're aware of the tournament now. They know it's going to be here year after year and they're coming out in good numbers and it's great to see.

Have you had a chance to go out there yet?

I've played the last couple of days. The course is in great shape, maybe the best I've seen it over the years. That's another reason why the players love to come back here.