

1st ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: BERNHARD LANGER
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PHIL STAMBAUGH: Okay, Bernhard, closed with six straight birdies matching the best birdie streak in tournament history and it's your 20th consecutive subpar round dating back to last year. You're the Schwab Cup leader. Basically just talk about the day.

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it started off pretty basic. I was a little upset that I didn't birdie the 1st hole, but just put myself in the wrong place in the bunker there. Then played some decent golf, had a couple of chances, just couldn't make the putts. Finally made one on 7 after hitting a 3-wood and 7-iron to about 15 feet. Almost three-putted 8 after hitting a good shot in there, but I made my return putt. Then I was plugging along. I had a birdie putt on 10 which I missed. 11, I made a great save after miss-hitting my second shot and getting it up and down from about 30 yards. Then I three-putted 12, which really ticked me off because I only had a 9-iron in there and it wasn't that hard of a first putt, but ended up three putting and making a bogey.

Something clicked after that, hit some great shots from that point on. I was a little bit technical early on because I called my coach, sent him a few swings and asked him what he saw, and he said it looks really good except one thing, I should set my club a little earlier, my wrist. So I was trying that and it was just not working. So I forgot thinking about it and just played golf, and all of a sudden it clicked and hit two great shots into 13, had an eagle putt from 12 feet or 14 feet which lipped out. Then stiffed it to about four feet on the next. Hit another two great shots into 15, had another eagle putt that finished a half inch short of the hole.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: First putt was how far?

BERNHARD LANGER: 35 feet maybe. 16, I hit another super 7-iron in there to about six feet. 17, I hit a fantastic 8-iron to about six inches or eight inches, whatever. 18, I hit another beautiful 7-iron to about six, seven feet and made that one, too.

Q. I'm sure you've had six birdies in a row before but probably not all that many times?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I can't remember when but I did have it before. I don't know what I did in Hualalai, I had a very good finish there on Sunday, a pretty strong finish. Yes, I've done it before. But there's some pretty good holes out there, 17, 18. 17 was a very tough pin today. 14 is in a bowl but you've still got to hit the shot. If you miscue it slightly, you're in one of the bunkers short or long, whatever, so I was very pleased it. It's a beautiful stretch of hitting my irons and my second shots into the par 5s properly and made some good putts. With a bit of luck, the two eagle

putts, one would have dropped or both of them with a bit of luck.

Q. Those were some very low scores at the other course when you won.

BERNHARD LANGER: Um-hmm.

Q. You've set high standards in the Houston area?

BERNHARD LANGER: Sometimes, yeah. I've got some good memories from Texas altogether.

Q. Is this the best you've played this course, do you think?

BERNHARD LANGER: Sunday the last few holes were pretty spectacular. I never made more than whatever I made, a seven-foot putt. To make six birdies in a row with the longest being seven feet, I don't do that too often, let's put it that way.

Q. When you're on a streak like that, how does it feel? Does it feel random?

BERNHARD LANGER: You want to keep going. I was sad the day was over. I would have liked to play a few more holes to make a few more birdies. I started too late, I guess.

Q. Despite that run, you probably wouldn't say the course is playing particularly easy. It's not a particularly easy day, you just made it look easy.

BERNHARD LANGER: Right, I don't think the course played easy. The greens are still somewhat firm in places and the greens are still new, they're still settling, which are hard to read at times. The only good thing is we didn't have a lot of wind. We had some wind but not like it was blowing the last few days, so wind always makes it harder than anything else.

Q. Phil, did you say 20th consecutive subpar round?

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Yeah.

Q. I know you don't keep track of such things, but what's the common thread over this stretch here of having 20 rounds in a row under par?

BERNHARD LANGER: Just playing some really good golf and at times putting very well and other times hitting great shots, just not making too many mistakes. That's what it takes, just hit a bunch of fairways, hit a lot of greens and hopefully --

Q. That's simple, right?

BERNHARD LANGER: It's sound simple. It's hard to do, though.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Good luck tomorrow.

BERNHARD LANGER: Thank you.