

**DAVE SENKO:** Well, Bernhard, thanks for joining us. Today a couple milestones, you tied Lee Trevino now with 29 career victories.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I always wanted to tie him.

**DAVE SENKO:** Pretty good company with 29 wins. And you also went over the \$2 million-plus for the eighth time in nine years on Tour. I know you missed the one year with your injury.

Great comeback today, 6 under on the back nine to come back and then win in a playoff.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, things weren't going very well for me earlier on today. I hit two perfect shots onto the first green, a driver and 3-wood, and then three-putted from 50 feet. Had a bad lip-out.

Then I hit a good tee shot on the second and ended up in a sand-filled divot and hit that short in a bunker, 30 yards short, so I'm going, this is not going my way, is it? But I managed to scrape a par there.

Kind of plugged along, hit some good shots, some not so good. Make a long story short, I was 1 over after nine, which was not good overall. Everybody else was probably under par, at least the leaders.

Had a different swing thought after my tee shot on 8 that went way right into the bunker. I realized what I was doing wrong and I was getting underneath instead of covering the ball. So from the ninth hole on, which I was covering the ball and started hitting really good shots, gave myself great opportunities. Hit it pretty close a number of times, made a couple of shortish putts and hit a great tee shot on, what's the par 3, 13 or 14?

**DAVE SENKO:** 13.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** As soon as I hit it I said, Go in. It just looked so good, it felt perfect, I knew I had the right club and it was online, that kind of thing. It was very unlucky on 14 not to birdie that. I hit a perfect putt there and it just turned a little more than it should have.

Anyways, shot 30 on the back side and then birdied the first playoff hole, so that's pretty special.

**DAVE SENKO:** Birdies, how long was your putt on No. 10?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Oh, that was a long one, yeah. I hit a good shot but it pitched into

the crest and then rolled down the hill, so that was about a 35-footer, maybe a 30-footer, somewhere in that range. That was the longest one of the week.

**DAVE SENKO:** 11.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** 11, I hit it to about five feet. 12, I hit it to 10 feet. 13, that was like two and a half feet, something like that.

**DAVE SENKO:** What did you hit there?

**BERNHARD LANGER:** 5-iron. On 15 I hit a perfect drive, perfect 3-wood, two putts from 35 feet. And 18 was a really good drive. Again, a good 3-wood but got a terrible bounce left and that bunker shot was impossible. I didn't think I had a prayer, but I landed the bunker shot right in the fringe and it kind of killed it and it just trickled down the hole to about five, six feet or so and made a really good putt.

**DAVE SENKO:** And then on 18.

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Second time around, once again a good drive, same 3-wood again but dead online, just came up 10 yards short because the wind switched; it was more in and colder at the time. So hit a really nice chip shot, looked like it had a chance to go in, ended up about four feet behind the hole and made the putt.

**Q. So on the front nine you had about a 10-footer on 2 and about a 10-footer on 7, right?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** To make, yeah, for par. What was the other one, 8?

**Q. You kind of didn't hit a real good --**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** 8 was a terrible pitch. That was more like a 15-footer. Those were good putts, yeah. Gave me some hope.

**Q. I looked at the leaderboard after nine, I think you were tied for 14th and six behind after -- at that point are you still thinking you have a chance to win?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, you never know. This game is so crazy. I've seen it just about all. I blew tournaments when I had a lead and I've come from seven behind, so you just never know. It's this type of golf course here when you hit perfect shots, you make birdies because the pins are often in a bowl or in a small pocket and you don't always hit 3- and 4-irons, you have wedges and shorter clubs here and there. So I started hitting perfect shots, I hit it close and made some clutch putts.

**Q. What did you do to celebrate your 59th birthday yesterday?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I had dinner with a bunch of friends locally. Met them in Germany 30 years ago, two different couples and their kids. We had dinner at a local place here. Just did that and she made a cake which we had together, so that was it.

**Q. Then you come out the next day and shoot 30 on the back nine.**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Maybe the cake slowed me down a bit for the front nine (Laughs.)

**Q. What about this area seems to bring out the best in you?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I don't know, I just love the golf course. It's really a shot maker's golf course. You have to think a little bit, you have to hit quality shots and obviously always have to make putts. Been fortunate, this is not the only place that I've won twice, there's other places I've won a number of times as well.

**Q. Sahalee, too?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, Sahalee was a very unique week. That's just one of the greatest golf courses in the world. It's just really, really tight and narrow and you look and it just tells you what shot to hit. Can't hit a hook when it's asking for a fade, that kind of thing.

**Q. Bernhard, your caddie was carrying an iron on the green. Was he reading putts with an iron?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, he's plumb bobbing. He always uses a 4-iron to plumb bob.

**Q. You won so many times, does it get more special now that you're 59?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It gets harder as you get older because these young guys hit it past me. I played with Grant Waite today. On 18 he hits it and goes like, What bunkers? He flew everything. The guy's so strong and long it's just a different game. It will get harder. I'm going to get shorter sooner or later and some of these younger guys hit it past me, but it's more than length. You need to be precise and have the nerve and play the course the way it needs to be played. There's still a bit of life left in me.

**Q. The bunker shot on 18, (inaudible), how far out --**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** It probably would have rolled about six or eight feet. Depends, not quite sure. It was the wrong side to miss it, let's put it that way. It would have been a little bit easier from the other side, but the other bunker's much deeper so neither one is a piece of cake because the green goes this way and wherever you hit it it's going to release.

**Q. Did you notice the leaderboards weren't working, particularly on the back nine?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** I wasn't really paying attention until 17. I asked Dave Marr who

was walking with us what's going on and he just said that Sutherland was finished with 13 and then Woody Austin came in with 13 and Gene Sauers and I were out there in 12. So I was hoping to eagle the last and win outright, but I'll take the birdie