

**Q. It seems you finally kind of maybe had a hold on this golf course after a couple not-so-great finishes here, I guess?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, it's true. I've never cracked it. Really, I had a couple of good runs at it, but never got really, you know, comfortable. But today I played very solid, hit a lot of fairways, hit a lot of greens, gave myself opportunities, and made one hiccup there on 16 where I chunked my iron, it was a severe sidehill lie and caught it heavy and made bogey, which was disappointing from the middle of the fairway, but it happens out here. Glad I finished with a birdie on the last.

**Q. Do you bank this and save it for tomorrow? You learn something every time you play, right?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, hopefully you do. I paid really close attention in the pro-am yesterday and in my practice round, but yeah, I've done that in the past, too. It's just I played good today. I hit a lot of quality shots and my short game was pretty good and that's what it takes.

**Q. So where your ball came out on 16, it almost looked like it was in a divot, but it wasn't?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** No, I was just on a severe sidehill lie on a little ledge. The ball was above and my feet were below. I gripped it shorter, I knew what to do, I just didn't do it right.

**Q. What do you think about that 17 there with the grand canyon and the fans enclosing you in on the right side?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Yeah, it's fantastic. It's a great atmosphere with the grandstands on the 16 green and then on 17 green. It's a wonderful amphitheater and it's great to see. They do a great job.

**Q. Do you have in your mind now, the tee shots especially, to keep them in the fairway? Do you kind of have that knowledge in your mind of where you have to hit it on every hole?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, I knew that before, I just didn't hit it there. There's some sloping fairways. You hit the fairway and it still doesn't stay there, it runs into the rough, so you've got to be good out of the rough, too, because you're going to get it a few times. But I was pretty pleased just about with my whole game today except for that one shot.

**Q. Is that your competitive nature coming through, though? You've had a couple not Bernhard Langer-like tournaments here and you've won at so many other places. Is this kind of I've got to crack this nut, so to speak?**

**BERNHARD LANGER:** Well, I figure I have the game. If I can win just about anywhere else and around the world 105 times, I'm a strong believer, if you play well, you can play anywhere pretty well. And I hadn't done that here, and so I've had one or two good rounds but I've never put three good rounds together. So hopefully we'll break that this week and do better.