

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MIGUEL ÁNGEL JIMÉNEZ (-6)



Q. All right. We had a great time in Richmond with you last week and now you're at the top of the leaderboard again. Is there something special with your game right now that is working for you?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, I think it's, I think it's putter is working and make eight birdies today, only two bogeys there. And a few (inaudible) on the golf course is nice and hole some putts, important. Even like make a bogey with three putts and (inaudible) another bogey on the par 3 14th, I using the putter there. I've been putting well. Also with a birdie on 16, quite close there. I'm happy with all aspect of my game and I feel good and I feel happy on the golf course.

Q. And you enjoy this golf course?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Yeah, it's a very nice golf course. I think it's nice to place the ball always in the right place, you know.

Q. After winning last week, obviously I imagine you showed up here feeling good about your game. Did you find something these last couple weeks? I mean, you played well but --

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, I've (inaudible) through a lot of (inaudible) in Europe I make it, I start using on the last round on Sunday of the BMW Wentworth. I think it's a month ago or something like that. And then I've been struggling on the greens all year and (inaudible) different thinking, different position now with people who using the club that way. (Inaudible). And I start putting better there and then since I use that grip and now it helps. On top of the leaderboard. I feel like I can make putts and that is very important.

Q. You mentioned the bogey on the par 3. It looked like you were going to get quite a break because your ball off the tee hit the rock and --

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: No, it no hit the rock. My ball just on the side of the --

Q. Okay.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: It's one foot short.

Q. It was hard to tell on TV.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: It's a very nice shot. I hit the shot exactly how I want to.

When I hit it, the breeze stops and then the ball lost about five meters more that I was playing for. It just pitched and it stayed right. I decided to use the putter because (inaudible). I mean, the second one, best putt of the day.

Q. But you rallied obviously, two birdies in the last couple holes. How big were those to kind of get the momentum going?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Oh, it's nice, it's nice (inaudible) minus 3, minus 4, you know?

Q. Yeah.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: It's important to be there. Look like tomorrow anything will happen there, we're going to be in the last group.

Q. Another win this week and --

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: It would be nice, but you know, you make numbers, I think looks like it's going to be very difficult to pass McCarron.

Q. Really?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: I think so, because McCarron -- I don't know where's the --

Q. The points difference between you guys?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: It's quite a lot of points.

Q. Yeah.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: And how much we play for here this week?

Q. This week, \$610,000.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: And next week, too?

Q. Next week is \$880,000.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: And then maybe I need to win and need him --

Q. Not to play well?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: But he's playing well. You have to focus on yourself, trying to do your best, trying to win here, trying to win this week, whatever happens. Don't focus in something that is not --

Q. Out of your control?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: You have to respect other players because he's played very well most of the year and then looks like he's going to be the (inaudible) Schwab Cup, but we'll see.