

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ (-11)
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DAVE SENKO: Miguel, thanks for joining us. 5-under 65 today to go with a 6-under 64 yesterday and 11 under. Maybe just some thoughts on your round. Looks like bogey free, five birdies.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Yeah, well, it was very nice. The first nine holes, I started with birdie the 3rd, 4 and 5, and then miss a very close one on the sixth also, missed a very close one on the ninth. Played quite solid, very solid. Then also chances for another birdie on the 10th. The 11th I missed the fairway where I had to chip it out to the fairway. Had another chance to make birdie on the par 5. On the 18th I missed my driver in the bunker on the left and then I had to lay up down there. Used a sand wedge but finished a little bit far away and had a chance. But I played very, very solid, very nice. I gave myself a lot of chances for birdies, only happened five times, but that's the game, no? Very solid. Happy for tomorrow.

DAVE SENKO: You had birdies on 3, 4 and 5?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: 3, 4 and 5 and then on the eighth.

DAVE SENKO: Okay. Do you remember how long your putt was at No. 3?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: No, sorry.

DAVE SENKO: How about the par 3, No. 5, what did you hit there?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: I hit a soft 8 and four meters putt. On the par 5 I hit the green in two and then I have like a seven, eight-meter, two putts.

DAVE SENKO: Which one was that?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Hole No. 4, par 5. On hole No. 3 -- I don't remember.

DAVE SENKO: No. 8.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: No. 8, one foot to the hole.

DAVE SENKO: One foot?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Yeah. Driver, wedge and just one foot to the hole.

DAVE SENKO: And No. 13?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: On No. 13, driver, wedge and three meters.

DAVE SENKO: Did you have any other opportunities?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Yeah, I had an opportunity on the sixth, very close like not even two meters, within two meters, six foot. On the ninth just three meter to the hole. Four meters on the 10th. And then on the 12th, nice shot over the flag and I just had four meters, parred the hole. I played nice.

DAVE SENKO: Questions?

Q. Miguel, how will your experiences in 2015 help you tomorrow now that you've seen the course a lot?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: No, the golf course is very nice. It's holding properly. You need to know where to bounce because sometimes (inaudible) front to yourself is to you into the grain and then on the top of the green to the back of the green is down grain. It's very important to know where you want to be. That's the main thing. The artistry of this golf course is you need to think very well where to bounce the ball to stop the ball looking where the pin position.

Q. So you're getting to know the course much better now?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Yeah, no. (Inaudible.) Everything you need to do is, the main thing you need to do overall is enjoy yourself.

Q. Miguel, what's worked so well for you over the past couple days?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Yesterday played very well from tee to green, make 30 putts for a total of 6-under par. Today I make 28 putts. From the tee I didn't play as good as yesterday, no, but the rest of the game is pretty good. If you are not in the fairways, it's very difficult to hit the greens, no, but anytime I hit the fairway I gave myself a chance for birdie, every single time. I played very solid today.

Q. How were the reviews on the prawns yesterday?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: On the prawns?

Q. Did people like them?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Of course. The prawns were (makes noise.) They were very nice, yeah, and the (inaudible) were very good. You don't have a chance to try it?

Q. No?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Unlucky. You have to wait now one year more. But they got the recipe now, don't worry.

Q. We see so many guys go straight to the range or the putting green. To do something like that yesterday, you always seem very relaxed, is that just part of your formula at a tournament?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: I had to, of course. After to play a round you need to have a little rest, then 15, 20 minutes, half an hour. Have time for yourself and then go and have some putts or try to work on the weakest part you have on the golf course during the round. That's what we're doing. But you have time for everything. What a beautiful afternoon. Nothing better to do. Now after here I'm going to eat something, refresh myself and go to hit maybe a few shots, maybe 40, 50 balls and 10, 15 minutes putt and get everything down for tomorrow.

Q. You had a particularly strong front nine today going minus 4. Was there anything special about the front nine today that allowed to you score so well?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, it is what I tell you before. The first nine my tee shots were more in the fairways and then I hit it to the flags every time, I had more chances for birdie. On the back nine I didn't have that aggressive from the tee that I can hit it to the flags as much. I tell you, no, I have a chance on the 10th but I missed the fairway on the 11th, I missed my -- par 5 I missed my fairway on the 18th and I have to trying to lay up both of them, cannot hit to the green. The hole, the par 5 that you can reach in two. It's difficult to make under par, you need to hit the fairways, and if I hit to the fairways I know I'm going to hit it good because my irons are there like dots, very nice.

Q. I just noticed that Scott McCarron made eagle, so now you know where you stand going into the final round.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Yeah, he make eagle yesterday, make eagle today, no? He's playing very well. He's been very solid all through the year and he make another eagle today for minus 6 today for minus 13. That's good. It's going to be very interesting tomorrow. Also Joey Sindelar make birdie on the last hole for minus 11, yeah, nice. It's going to be interesting.

DAVE SENKO: Thanks, Miguel.