

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ (-6)

JACKIE SERVAIS: Please welcome Miguel Angel Jiménez. Miguel, great round today. Did you know you were tied for the lead? Were you looking at that leaderboard throughout the round, or what was your mindset?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: No, I thought (inaudible) was 7.

JACKIE SERVAIS: He's 6 right now.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: Right now. I've been very solid today on the golf course, I played very well. I make three bogeys, but even that's the game sometimes, no? Been very solid from all parts of my game. Also, my putting's working decent, made (inaudible) putt today. It's a pity to make three putts on the last hole. I hit my first putt not very good, a bad putt the first one. Left like five-, six-foot second putt and missed that one, but happy with my game.

JACKIE SERVAIS: The 11th hole was obviously an eagle and success for you. From there, what was your mindset to get to 18?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: No, (inaudible) make birdie on the 10th, I hit a beautiful shot. A beautiful second shot, nearly make a (inaudible) there. After that I make a bogey at the 12th, but I miss my shot, (inaudible) the flag, the left and then edge of the water. But it's part of the game, no? I hit it where keep doing what I'm doing, do well and you're going to finish -- to shoot as low as possible. That's what I try to do, to hit at flags and my putts are always there (inaudible.) That's the way I like to play. I feel comfortable today.

Q. Just coming in here as The Open champion from St. Andrews, just the confidence you have, and you shot a course record on this course before, you must have a lot of confidence today?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: No, I feel confident. No, I feel I've been playing well, been hitting, all day I've been hitting the ball very well. The result is there, you know? The putting, I made 30 putts, maybe a couple more will be (inaudible.) I don't know, but I'm happy the way I played, the way I'm hitting and I like the golf course. I played here a few years ago, 9 under. I feel comfortable with it. It's nice.

Q. Is 64 the worst you could have shot today, do you think?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: I hope not.

Q. To have the two majors obviously this season and to be at the top of the Schwab rankings, do you feel like the guy to beat when you come to these tournaments now?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: If I feel that the guy to beat? (Inaudible) beat myself. No, well, the only thing you need to do is keep playing. Obviously I know that people are going to (inaudible.) I'm the one who's the leader. That's what I try to do, try to cut into the leader like I tend to do last year.

JACKIE SERVAIS: And how much does that Schwab Cup standings mean to you and how badly would you like to keep that?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: It be (inaudible) play very, very well the last couple years, and we have Bernhard Langer who was amazing all these years. Also this year he play very well. It's nice, will be nice if I can restart that goal, it will be amazing.

Q. Rod Spittle, the Canadian, said this will be his last tournament ever, retiring.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: Yes?

Q. He shot a 66 today.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMÉNEZ: Maybe he need to think about it. He's a nice guy and a nice player and always nice to see him on the golf courses, on the fairways. He decide to retire, he have some kind of game there, but it's a personal decision, yeah.