

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JORDAN SPIETH (-2)



Q. Did anything special happen today?

JORDAN SPIETH: My dad caddied for me, that was cool. Kiz said he sliced it all day and he had eight tap-in birdies.

Q. Can I just ask about Michael? I know it's sad, but can you talk about what he's going through, please?

JORDAN SPIETH: To lose both your parents in a year and a half, like I told him, I have no way of relating to it, but I can only imagine. I was with him Saturday morning after he found out the news and I never have really seen him like that. We've been through a lot of stuff together.

I think it's a really tough situation for him right now, and as much time as he needs. It's like he was wanting to kind of come back. I'm like, dude, it's your bag whenever you want it, just do what you need to do for the more important things in life right now.

So we get a special time with me and my dad this week, too, then we'll gear up for Augusta and get ready to have Mikey back.

Q. What's having your dad on the bag? He's carrying is pretty much, but what's it like just having him there? Can he bring anything to you?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, it's fun. It was funny, he did the old "no-no" on like our fourth hole today, on 13. I'm stepping into the ball and he goes, "Just don't overdo it." I'm like, I step back, step back in. I'm like, "Dad, there's only really like one or two things you just can't do and that's just don't say not to hit it somewhere while I'm stepping into the shot."

He goes, "Well, you know, you did it on No. 11, so I didn't want you to do it on 13."

I'm like, I didn't overdo it.

But yeah, it was funny. Yeah, I know he's enjoying it and it's a tough walk. The other time he caddied for me was Mexico City, which was 8,000 feet, so I'm not exactly picking the easiest ones for him.

Q. Was that this year in Mexico City?

JORDAN SPIETH: No, that was the year before and that was because of Michael's dad.

Q. Is this the first time he's seen you play since --

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, exactly. So I imagine that had to be kind of weird.

Q. They were at THE PLAYERS, I think?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah. They weren't at THE PLAYERS actually, it was before that. Obviously a weird situation. So I know just him not having to look at an app and see how you're playing and seeing the real thing. Yeah, it's awesome. He spent a lot of time with me over the years with Cameron, too, so he can step in and say stuff --

Q. Like "don't overdo" it.

JORDAN SPIETH: -- like when he sees me getting quick or whatever.