

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**June 11, 2021**



**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ ( -7)**

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**Q. Miguel, 7 under today. Your thoughts on the day?**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** I've been playing very solid. I played very, very solid all day. My putting was working also. That's what you need, you know? I make two eagles on two par 5s, that helps a lot. Some very good shots to the flag and I give myself chances for birdie very, very close. I tap it in and that's where we are, 7.

**Q. Can you take us through those eagles?**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** Yeah. I start on 16 on the back nine. I hit the driver solid there with a little down-breeze off the left. Then I hit a 7-iron, three meters putt for eagle.

Then the eagle on hole No. 2, I hit a massive drive there with a little down-breeze there. I have 135 meters to the hole and I hit a wedge there and I just put like two feet to the hole for an eagle. That helps you, that gives you wings, you know? Like the eagle have wings.

**Q. Two birdies to close the round on 7 and 8. What did you do there?**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** On 7 I hit a nice drive to the middle of the fairway and I have 125 meters to the hole. I hit a nice soft wedge that put it like a foot and a half, something like that. And then on the 8th hit a soft 5-iron because the breeze is changing, it's coming from the left, from the southeast, and I hit a soft 5-iron there like five, six meters to the hole. Downhill, very fast putt. Went straight to the hole and the ball is right in the middle there.

**Q. Is there a course on this tour you don't walk into and say I'm going to play well or I've got a good chance? How does University Ridge rank?**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** It's a nice golf course. I think it is my third time coming to play here. It's a very nice golf course, nice routine, super conditions. I'm hitting good and when you're hitting good (indiscernible) and this condition is perfect. Hot, sweat like a pig.

**Q. How nice is it to play in front of fans again, especially here in Madison?**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** It's always nice, I enjoy it. Start to see fans out here on the golf course, you need to see that colorful. Before it looked like we're very boring guys walking with nobody around. It's very nice to see again with the colorful, all the people around on the golf course. It's very nice.

**Q. We saw some guys had difficulty with the pin locations, missing putts. How were**

**you able to kind of dial in and lock in on those putts?**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** Well, the greens are very good, very nice. People are under par, people shoot low even with these pin positions. They're difficult, but I think they are very fair. When you hit a good shot, the ball holding properly and rolls nice. I think it's very fair, the pin positions on the golf course.

**Q. Are you a leaderboard watcher to see where you were with Jerry for a while?**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** I saw Jerry been there again, he's always again on this golf course. He's a great player. He knows very well the golf course. I saw him there and I say it's nice, it's nice to see the local guy doing good. It's going to bring more people, that's nice.

**Q. It's nice, but then you put on the gas?**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** No, I don't put the foot on the gas because I put my foot on the gas because I want to make birdies. You see every week in and week out, you need to make birdies. You don't make birdies, you don't have many chances to win.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ:** My shoes, they are made in Milan, Italy. Handmade full leather shoes, proper shoes. Not the plastic thing you wear there, I don't know. You are connecting to the world with your feet, you have to put the best thing. Leather.