

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ
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Q. Can you start us off with some comments? Your first time here at Endicott and you had a chance to play the course Tuesday.

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Yeah, I played the golf course on Tuesday. I got here Monday afternoon. It's a beautiful place, this parkland golf course. It's a beautiful golf course where you need to hit very straight from the tee. All the tees have lined trees from the tee and the main thing is to be below the hole because the greens are very fast.

Q. What's your favorite part so far of the area outside of the golf course?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, there's not much time to see really. By the time we practice and play, go to work out a little bit and things, and then not much to do really. Last night we went to the Number Five, we had a nice steak there and a nice bottle of wine. Not much to see around, not much time.

Q. What's the mentality going into a tournament like this being one of the favorites?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, the mentality is the same one as any tournament. You play your ball, you need to enjoy yourself. Don't think about it, whether people think you're winning. That's the only way to do the golf.

Q. How would you rate your game this week heading into the play?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: I've been hitting good, I've been hitting good. I'm working a little bit in the last couple of weeks, I've been playing golf just a little bit and then coming here. I'm hitting good, I'm hitting very well and just see what happens.

Q. Talk a little bit how you attack this course, narrow fairways, that type of thing, some things you've already picked up?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: The main thing is (inaudible,) like any other tournament, especially this one. You need to be very, very aggressive from the tees because if not, the ball is going to run out the fairways and you're going to be in trouble to get the ball in place.

(Cell phone interruption.)

Q. No Bon Jovi ring tone when your phone rang?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: No, this is the cricket. No, we're coming to see tomorrow the Bon Jovi concert, it's a nice location to see this group.

Q. You've earned the nickname the most interesting man in golf. I know a lot of the fans are excited to see you play .what are you looking forward to in terms of what you're going to put on a show -- put on a show for them?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, that's me. I don't know. I'm myself, be myself. I'm going to try to have fun, but the main thing is what the people looking for that, no, is to have fun, enjoy watching us play golf. Make some putts, you know.

Q. If fans are looking to smoke a nice cigar this week, what would you recommend?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Cohiba Siglo VI, of course. Some Arturo Fuentes, beautiful, yeah.

Q. I'll make sure they get that. I want to ask this. You have a unique stretching warmup style, fans are going to look for it. How did that come about?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, there is something to be fresh, no? This morning I was up at 7:30 in the gym for about 50 minutes, working properly, no? Now you come to the tournament and you stretch a little bit, no. It was coming years ago and people liked it. Well, fine, I'll do it. People like to see. Show people, no?