

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ

Q. Miguel, thank you for joining us this morning. You were runner-up here last year at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS. Can you just start with your thoughts on being back here this week?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, it's nice to be back here on the golf course we played last year, first time we played the Champions here on the FURYK & FRIENDS. As you say, I finished second there, having a very solid week. It's a beautiful golf course. It's a golf course with unique -- play very straight from the tee to allow yourself to hit from the fairway to those greens. These are bermuda greens, firm and fast. It was very nice. The amount of surface on the greens is very fast, even though this is (indiscernible.) some things on the golf course.

Q. The regular season is close to coming to a close. Can you just talk about the season as a whole and how you feel about your game coming into this week?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: I feel good. I've been hitting good all year round, playing very well, many times top-10s, 3s. At the beginning of the year (indiscernible) in Washington there. It's been a good year for me, been playing solid, happy with the game. I still (indiscernible) myself with some tournaments, you know, and given some advantage to the guys now at the ranking at the moment. But I'm happy. What you say, five more tournaments to finish the season and I'm going to do my best on all these to finish up.

Q. Miguel, as you get older, are you working hard on both conditioning and at your game to kind of stay at the level you're at?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: I make more exercise in the last 15 years than ever. No, it's very important, very important to work out and keep yourself -- flexibility is very important. The more age we get, the older we get, the more we need to working, especially on the flexibility. That helps a lot to maintain myself, my status.

Q. Do you also spend just as much time on the range and actually playing, working on your game as you have in the past?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: I work on my game, I love the game of golf and I work on my game on the range and still spend a lot of time there. I don't know if it's the same amount as before, but I spend a lot of time on the driving range and working, practice putting. This is my life, this is what I want to do.

Q. Do you think it's -- you can attribute, like you and Bernhard, the longevity and the

way you've played to the fact that you both love the game this much? Is that the --

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, I'm nothing special. Bernard's the same the last 45, the last 50 years. There's nothing to say. He's always never changed, he looks the same. It's just a number, age. He's 65 now.

Q. But at the heart of it for you and Bernhard, does it start with loving to play golf?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Of course.

Q. It's passion?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: It's passion. When we get to this point now and we're still playing golf, it's something more than anything and that's the passion, that is the love of the game. That is the -- it's our living.

Q. One more question. Do you think that -- the PGA Tour has increased the purses next year for a lot of the tournaments and even the Korn Ferry Tour's increased purses. Do you think that the Champions Tour purses need to start increasing, getting bumped up a little bit?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, what you think? Of course they need to, no? We are part of the game also, part of the Tour also. I think they need to resource a little bit -- a little bit more than that.

Q. But you hope there's enough money somewhere for --

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: Well, they support, too. I know since I've been on the Champions Tour, the prices not changing much and, well, the prices change all over the place and I believe they have to think (indiscernible.) I think we make a little contribution to the golf in all the years we've been moving around and I think it would be good that those guys deserve something.

Q. Miguel, what is it about this golf course that to a man everybody enjoys playing?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: It's a nice golf course. It's a beautiful golf course really. It's not that long, but you need to put the ball always in position. This bermudagrass you have all over the golf course. You need to be in the fairway. If you miss the fairway, you going to have -- almost impossible to stop the ball on these greens if you are not in the middle of the fairway. And then in the middle of the fairway, you need to hit nice and crisp, that's probably the (indiscernible,) because if you're not, the ball is not going to get any spin. You need to hit good, you need to be (indiscernible) and that is very important. Important to be in the fairways, otherwise you can't hold the ball on the greens. And this is something that is not totally about hitting par. You need to put the ball in the place and you need to strike the ball good, and usually you have to putting good on these greens also because they are very fast.

There are (indiscernible) on the edges. You need to be very precise with all your clubs, yeah.

Q. It's quite different than what you guys are used to playing every week, isn't it?

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ: No, no, at the moment it's quite different because every week we play like some kind of softness greens there and things that are different kind of grass that you can hold better. This bermudagrass, the way the golf course is set up, you need to be nice and sharp and precise, yeah. A little bit different with the other golf courses.

