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BILLY ANDRADE (-8)

Q. So you fell short, but are you happy with the way you played? When you got yourself in contention, you played relatively well today.

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, I didn't get off to a great start, didn't birdie 1. I had an easy up-and-down from just over the green and you walk away with 5 instead of at least a 4 there. And then I bogeyed 2, so start off 5-5. Then I made a few birdies on the front and three-putted 8, which was unfortunate, so I was even on the front.

I felt like if I could get to 10 and put some pressure on whoever was leading -- I hadn't really looked at the leaderboard but I figured Steve was right there -- we might have a shot. So I birdie 10, I birdie 12, I birdie 13, and then I had some good looks coming in and just didn't make 'em.

But we just need Steve to stay on the regular Tour. I mean, he doesn't need to come out here and ruin my spring. But I finished second here, this is my second time. I love the place and we're just so excited that we're playing here. Rapiscan, having a great sponsor like that is really important to us. As you can see, the energy here is really cool, it's a great event. He played great, what can you do. Just put yourself in position and some days it's your day and some days it's not.

Q. Has he become one of the tougher guys to contend with?

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, he's been a great player for a long time. He beat me in the Western Open back in the '90s. I'm going to have to look and see, I think it might have been his first win and I think he won by 7 or 8. So we've been friends a long time. He's a class guy and he's a hell of a player.

Q. This is your third top-10 early in the season. Do you feel like your game is trending upwards?

BILLY ANDRADE: I do. Like I said to you yesterday, I want to experience this, I want to win and I want to win soon. I like the way I'm playing. I did a lot of good things here, I've done a lot of good things this year. I feel like I've played well all year, I've just got to continue doing that.