

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
March 8, 2019



BILLY ANDRADE (-4)

BILLY ANDRADE: The guy thought I made a birdie on the 8th hole and I made par.

Q. So it was 4 under officially?

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, 4 under. I didn't birdie 8. My score guy wasn't paying attention. I hit it just over the green and chipped it up to four, five feet and made it. He thought that was my tee shot.

Q. You started strong today. How did you feel about your round?

BILLY ANDRADE: You know what, I played really well today. I haven't been putting spectacular, and did a little work yesterday on the putting green, something clicked. So I felt good today, the best I've putted in a long time. These are very tricky greens, so I was really happy with the way I played. I made a couple bogeys, but overall, you know, these are tough conditions. This is similar to what I grew up, you know, growing up in Rhode Island. It's never (inaudible.) It's always blowing, so I like these kind of conditions, it's good for me. So when I see it like this, and a little nippy, I feel good about it.

Q. It also rained last night. Do you think that affected things at all?

BILLY ANDRADE: I played Wednesday afternoon and the golf course was in, I thought, unbelievable shape considering all the rain they've had here the last few months. So I was very surprised, and I was very surprised at how nice the greens are. I thought maybe they would be spongy and soft. They're a lot firmer than I anticipated. So I was pleasantly surprised in the practice round. I didn't play yesterday, so coming into today I knew the greens were quick, and I saw the wind blowing and I knew it was going to be a tough day.

Q. Have you played well here before?

BILLY ANDRADE: I have, yeah. The year Jay Haas won, I finished third. Yeah, I like it here, I enjoy it. I'm looking forward to tomorrow and Sunday.

Q. There's a lot of crowds out here for a Friday, wouldn't you say?

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, this place is great, especially with the weather being lousy, I thank the people for coming out and seeing some good golf. We've got a great field, so it's always nice to play in front of big crowds. This place always seems to have it, it's nice