

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: BILLY ANDRADE
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BILLY ANDRADE: Good front nine, birdied the first two, birdied 4, holed it at 8, a little blip at 9, I three-putted nine. The back nine I birdied 13 and made a good par save at 16. I drove it left in the creek and got it up and down from 156 yards, so made a nice putt there. Didn't birdie the last two but I knew I needed to shoot a couple 65s maybe and Bernhard could get kind of lax on the weekend and maybe I would have a chance. But he's playing so good, he's going to be tough to catch, but maybe a little lower score tomorrow might have a chance but I can't do anything about how I played so far but today was a good day.

Q. To what extent were you inspired by the round you had with Brad yesterday?

BILLY ANDRADE: Well, I saw what he did. Obviously Steve Pate's shooting 8-under, you know that you can shoot some scores out here if you can make some putts. My wife actually, who doesn't watch me play much, gave me a pretty good tip last night. She told me my shoulders weren't right, looked like I was kind of going this way instead of rocking them more, so I kind of thought about that today. First hole I got a 20-footer, make it; second hole I got a 15-footer, make it. So I've got to give my wife Jody, that was pretty cool, it kind of worked and that was kind of nice that I started making a few putts.

Q. What are you going to say to her after the round?

BILLY ANDRADE: Well, what do you think I should say?

Q. Thank you?

BILLY ANDRADE: Okay, I'll do that.

Q. Do you usually listen to her?

BILLY ANDRADE: Very much. I'll buy you dinner. You've been divorced four times?
(Laughter.)

Q. Tell us about the eagle.

BILLY ANDRADE: I hit a beautiful drive over the bunker at I think I had 103 yards and the pin was back left. It was about six paces further back on the same kind of line as yesterday and you cannot miss it to the left because you short-side yourself, you're going to probably make a bogey. I had a beautiful shot, hit a little, just a little draw and just past the hole about a foot. I guess it popped in. I couldn't see it, I saw some people behind the green yelling and screaming so I kind of knew it was better than just a close one, I knew that it was in.

Q. Yesterday you talked about the psychology of making that first putt but yours

really got you sparked, birdies on three of the first four holes?

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, it was the start I needed to make. I felt like I left a lot out there the first two days and I was a little frustrated with 71. So to see a few putts go in early and get off to a nice start and then try to keep it going. I got to 5. I needed a day like today, if you want to have a chance you can almost -- you have to shoot about a 7 or 8, but we'll see. I like where I'm at and I'll go out tomorrow and see if we can do it again.

Q. Do you look at the scoreboard much at all during the round?

BILLY ANDRADE: Occasionally, but when a guy's 12-under after two days and you're at 1, you really don't care about the scoreboard much. But I looked at it a little bit, I saw he was 14. I don't know if he's still 14. I saw Russ Cochran's playing well, so was Colin Montgomerie. But I don't look that much unless I'm in it.

Q. Did you sneak a peak after the eagle?

BILLY ANDRADE: I saw it was, yeah, but these guys were just starting their round, so you don't get too tied up in that. You just keep trying to play one shot at a time.

Q. Tomorrow will you just worry about yourself?

BILLY ANDRADE: Just go out and try to get it going, try to make some putts. That's what you have to do out here. The golf course is there, it fits my eye, I like the layout of it, but these greens are real tricky and they're a little -- you've got to keep the ball below the hole. You get above the hole and it's defensive putting. It's tough to make putts when you're in certain places on the green. So if I can get it rolling early and see what happens.

Q. What's it mean to you to be playing in New England?

BILLY ANDRADE: Well, I grew up here. It's great to play in front of folks that I haven't seen in a long time. I just think New England's a great golf market. I just think a lot of people here are passionate about the game and to be a part of that for the last three decades since I was a little kid, now I'm 51 and I'm still doing it. You almost have to pinch yourself how cool it is that we're I believe to do this and be able to still entertain at our age. Cam Neely was out there with his kid today and I was walking thinking, you know, maybe he wouldn't mind putting the skates back on and be able to play a professional hockey game again. I don't know, maybe not. I think once you're a professional athlete, whatever sport you're in, you wish you could play as long as you physically can or every now and then be able to do it. We're so fortunate as Champions Tour players to be able to do it almost on a weekly basis and it's just fabulous, it's really cool.

Q. Would you like to see the Champions Tour have a regular tour stop in New England?

BILLY ANDRADE: Absolutely, I think it would be fantastic. We just need to find a really cool, willing sponsor to help us out. You know, Nashawtuc was out for a long time, the players loved going there. This would be a great place to come back to and play again and I think all the players would agree with me. I think New England, especially Boston or this area would be a great place to host.

Q. When's the last time you played in New England, the Deutsche Bank or Hartford?

BILLY ANDRADE: Maybe both.

Q. Has it been a while?

BILLY ANDRADE: It's been a few years. Our CVS tournament. But a regular tour event, it's been maybe 2010 maybe, '09, '10, '11. I don't know I'm old.

Q. You're not as old as us.

BILLY ANDRADE: I can't remember. Can you remember all your wives' names?

Q. The small gallery following you there, do you think Andrade's Army's going to grow tomorrow?

BILLY ANDRADE: I don't know. It's a long ways from Rhode Island to come up here. Man, you know, God forbid on a Sunday they can gas up. Tell them if they come, I'll pay for their gas.