

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**BILLY ANDRADE**

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**Q. Billy, welcome back to St. Louis. Just what's the mindset going into this week?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Just so happy to be back playing. A lot of things happened these last few weeks and now we've got three great tournaments in a row here, next week and then Pebble Beach. I love this place, I love St. Louis. This is a really, really -- I think it's a very, very hard golf course. It's much different than last year, it's playing much longer, it's softer and it's going to be very challenging, so I'm looking forward to it.

**Q. Just got your Payne Stewart Award. Take me through the emotions of that night and what that ceremony meant to you and your family.**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** It was simply amazing, it really was an amazing night. To have my family there, to have Jay Monahan say before the show that this is going to be the best three hours of his life in the last year with all the things going on with professional golf. And I honestly knew almost everybody in that room. A lot of friends, a lot of family, a lot of people from the Tour, a lot of people. Like seeing the players on the PGA Tour that were there, plus all the Payne Stewart Award winners, it was a crowning moment in my professional life in golf and a night that I'll never, ever forget.

**Q. What's it like being in that fraternity?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** It's hard to describe really. I'm still kind of getting used to it. And then coming here this week and having players and also having volunteers and people coming up and saying congratulations and to look at the list and see all those names and that I'm on there is just, just pinch yourself really, yeah.

**Q. You said the golf course has changed. Is it because of the rain made it longer? What will it take to win here?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah, I think last year was firm and fast, ball was flying. I think it was hotter, too. It's just a different golf course with all the rain that they've gotten. It's in unbelievable shape.

But when you have Zoysia fairways and you get a lot of rain, you don't get a lot of roll. It depends I would think on how the staff sets it up. I think we might play a few up tees on a few holes, that will help, but you've got to shoot 3 or 4 under every day here I would think to have a chance. I don't know, what was David last year, 10, 11?

**Q. Ten.**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Ten. So yeah, double digits, for sure. But this is a hell of a test. The greens are not easy. We were just chipping down on the chipping area and we were talking, a few of us. The grasses are all different. I think every single grass that grows is around these greens. You've got some bermuda, some bent, you have some St. Augustine, you've got grab crabgrass, you've got all kinds of stuff. If you miss a green and you're in there, it's very difficult to get the ball up and down. So it's going to be, like I said, it's going to be a heck of a challenge.