ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES March 29, 2024

BILLY ANDRADE (-5)



Q. All right, Billy, 5 under. What was working today?

BILLY ANDRADE: Got off to a nice start, made a nice putt from off the front of the green on 1, which was kind of cool, and then I really played well on the front, a lot of chances. I birdied 4 from about five feet, I birdied 7 from 10 feet, I birdied 8 from about four feet. Had a few other chances on the front to get even lower.

Then on the back I made one birdie on 15. Had a few chances, made some good up-and-downs, didn't make any bogeys. Anytime you play a course this good and this hard and you go around without a bogey, that's pretty good.

Q. You played last year here, right?

BILLY ANDRADE: I did.

Q. What did you learn last year, because I can't imagine you played this course before?

BILLY ANDRADE: Never have. Yeah, first time.

Q. What did you learn about it?

BILLY ANDRADE: Well, the greens are real tricky. You feel like some putts are going to break and you've Indio, you've got the valley that way, I understand that, but then sometimes it doesn't go that way and they do break or whatever. The greens can be tricky. And it's just keep everything in front of you is another thing, you don't want to miss side to side because it's hard to get the ball up and down, greens aren't very big.

Q. I imagine you've heard the weather forecast for the next couple days.

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah.

Q. Perfect today.

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Q. Did that put a little more pressure on you to make sure you made some birdies?

BILLY ANDRADE: Well, no, you just go out every day and try to do the best you can. You



take what the weather brings you. Yeah, it doesn't look very promising. Last week we had some struggles on Saturday in Newport Beach. Nobody likes to play when it's cold, so this place I think is going to play really hard and just going to have to go out and weather it.

