

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: BILLY ANDRADE
Friday, June 5, 2015



Q. Maybe just talk a little about your day, what went well.

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, I played pretty solid all day and made seven birdies. I only made one bogey, I three-putted 14. We all played well. It was nice to have a group that everybody's playing well, so we all fed off each other and drove the ball fairly good and felt good with the putter and made some nice putts and a good solid day.

Q. How do you feel the course played today?

BILLY ANDRADE: I love this place. I just think it's like a mini course like where I grew up in Rhode Island, so it's tree lined, it's like a mini Westchester I kind of call it. It's I just think a fabulous place and it played very nicely today I thought.

I don't think Lanny Watkins won 31 golf tournaments.

Q. He didn't?

BILLY ANDRADE: Maybe about 20. Just letting you know. I just read you this morning. He probably loved it, he probably wished you put 41 instead of 31. But I was reading the paper this morning at breakfast with John Cook and I went, John, what do you think of this one? 31 wins? I don't think so. Maybe 20, which was 16 more than me.

Q. You play a course like this, though, and it's not extremely long but is it the driving that's the key in this or is it the putting?

BILLY ANDRADE: Well, you've got to obviously drive it in the right places and you have to get a little lucky on some tee shots if the ball stays in the fairway, so you have to have a little imagination off the tee. Then it's hitting greens and getting it in position where you're not above the hole all day and you have chances to make birdies. There's a lot of birdies out there and the course is in great shape and it is what it is. It's a fun track to play, and if you don't pay attention you can get beat up a little bit.

Q. Now you played with no wind today. Say tomorrow's 15 or 20, is it a totally different course?

BILLY ANDRADE: Yes. Wind at that miles an hour changes everything. You might have holes that you can drive and then you might have holes that you were hitting a little sand wedge to and you might have to hit a 5- or 6-iron to. So yeah, wind changes everything. Is it supposed to be windy tomorrow?

Q. No, it was supposed to be windy today. It was supposed to be 15 to 20 today.

BILLY ANDRADE: Oh, I like that 15 to 20 today. It was a little sticky out there.

Q. Would you say getting off to a good start here's pretty important because those first four holes are pretty testy, three of the first four holes.

BILLY ANDRADE: I just think getting off to a good start the first day on the Champions Tour is huge, not just the first nine holes. But to have a chance to win here you have to shoot a good score the first day to be in the mix because you've only got 36 left. This is a golf course where if you can shoot 4-, 5-under every day, you're going to have a chance to win and that's what we're all trying to do. Last year I didn't do that. I think last year I started off maybe even par and I was behind the eight ball and I didn't have a great week. So I'm excited about my start and looking forward to tomorrow and Sunday.