

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: BILLY ANDRADE**  
**Friday, August 21, 2015**



**BILLY ANDRADE:** You know, first time here and great course, I think it's really nice. You know, for the front nine I had a few chances and didn't make birdies and was even. And then I bogeyed 10, I kind of misread the wind there. I hit a wedge there, I probably should have hit a little 9. Came up way short, didn't get it up and down. Then I birdied four of the last eight. Birdied 11, hit a sand wedge about two feet. I birdied 13, I hit a 5-iron about 25 feet. 14, I laid up, I didn't go for it, I hit a 9-iron about eight feet, made that. And then the last hole I was just short of the green and putted it up to three feet. All in all, a great day and looking forward to this weekend.

**Q. Did the weather change much during your round?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** A little bit, yeah. It was kind of into the wind on one, so you couldn't obviously get there. Then we're on the back nine and the blast on the thing because Frank Esposito made an eagle on one. Nobody could get close to getting home in two there. Yeah, I think it played tricky, the wind kind of was switching and stuff. Being my first time, I don't really know, but by the scoring it looked like it played hard. The greens are firm. With the greens being firm, you're not going to hit every green and you're going to have some interesting up-and-downs, I think, and that's what makes it tough. I think when greens get -- obviously when the greens get soft, you can throw darts at them, but you can't do that here.

**Q. Why did you play this?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Why? Why didn't I play last year versus this year? Last year the date was different and I had a big charity event at Eastlake in Atlanta called the Eastlake Foundation that I host, and last year it was the Sunday of Boeing and the next week it was Calgary. So I need to be there Sunday because I'm inviting all these people.

**Q. Then you've got that huge thing in New England?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** That's right. Atlanta's my main home, it's where I've lived since college. Rhode Island is where I grew up. It's nice to do something at Eastlake for the foundation. This year I'm not playing next week, which is Dick's. We originally have our event the week before the TOUR Championship, so all the scoreboards are up, everything's ready to go. We're the last official round of golf on the course before they close it for the TOUR Championship. So we were all set to go, we had to change our date last year because of the Ryder Cup. The tower TOUR Championship was a week earlier. So this year we went back to our date and the Champions Tour came out with a new schedule and oh, hell, we're going to China. I immediately called up our Eastlake folks and said we've got to change it back to the last weekend in August.