

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**BILLY ANDRADE**

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**THE MODERATOR:** All right. Billy, great playing today. What was the key to your round today?

**BILLY ANDRADE:** I didn't make any mistakes and kept it in play, and putted very nicely.

So all of us I think are in the same boat. You don't know coming out, out of the gate, how you're going to play. I took a lot of time off, and then started playing a little bit at home. A little sloppy in some of the rounds I have played, and today I was not sloppy at all, so it was really good. Really focused. And just played well. Didn't make a bogey. So that was big.

**THE MODERATOR:** You kind of mentioned that. How difficult was it to prepare for this event, just preparation unlike any you have probably been before?

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Well, I think the biggest thing was the first two or three months, there was no -- there was no starting point really. And once we knew, okay, hey, we're going to start at the Ally Challenge, we hope, okay, so now you have a starting point and then you can start vamping up your practice. But we're over 50. It's not like we are practicing a ton. But it's nice to have a goal to work towards versus when this pandemic started. It's like we are definitely not playing, so it's very -- I think very difficult for professionals to get jazzed up to go out and play if you have nothing to work for. You know what I'm saying? So I think once we knew we were coming here, we were so excited, let's get this thing started, let's get the ball rolling. And I think all of us are really, really excited about being here and getting back into playing again.

**THE MODERATOR:** I will open it up. Jonathan.

**Q. Nice reaction from you on the first green, after the first green putt of the day. First ball, what's going through your mind as you make that with no crowd around? And how did you carry that momentum through?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah, it was -- I hit I thought a pretty good sand wedge shot in and it just trickled over. And what do I do here? Do I chip this or putt it, so I decided to putt it and I hit it a little too hard and it went in. So it was a huge relief that it hit the pin and went in. And then, hey, I made a birdie right out of the gate, which is -- puts you in a nice mindset and off and running we went. So it was a heck of a long wait from February -- from March -- what was it 6th was our last day?

**Q. I think.**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah, Sunday, March 6th. So I birdied the last hole in Newport Beach and birdied the first hole here, so I was very excited, yeah.

**Q. Strange out there with no fans especially on 17.**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah, it's just different. Everything is so different. To not have that is, I think, the biggest thing, because you feed off the crowd, you feed off the noise, you need off the energy. And to not have that, it's -- it's just weird. It's just strange. It's just different. I can't.

**Q. Like playing a golf game at home?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah, a little bit. But this is a little better than playing at home. We're playing for something. There's something on the line. So there is a big difference between golf and then competitive golf. And everybody that's playing this week and all of us have been doing this for decades, this is what we love to do. We love to play competitive golf instead of just playing at home. So it was just different. And something that we all got to get used to. Talking to the caddies, talking to players on the regular Tour, telling us that this is -- having them start when they started and us starting six weeks later, I think it was very beneficial to us. Asked a lot of questions. I think the Tour has done an unbelievable job with the protocol and the way things are set up here. It's just an absolute home run.

**Q. So did that maybe help you today?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Well, I think everybody is just excited to get back, get back into this -- into our little bubble and go out and play and have fun and get back to what we know, get back to our routines of trying to get the ball in the hole and then after this is over we are looking forward to the next event. So we are just all excited about being here.

**Q. You talked about the course playing differently and no fans and stuff like that. How about the grandstands? Because you guys are always --**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah.

**Q. -- playing with the grandstands and --**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Right, right. That's the first thing that came to mind when I played 9 and 18, just second shot in, it just looked so different. And 18 is so different. I didn't even know there was out of bounds left. If the pin is left there, you see the out of bounds, it's pretty close to the left. Usually there's a grandstand over there, so there was no worry. So it's a little different than what we're used to. And it's something that

we all got to get used to.

**Q. You talked about your round here. You came very close on 16 to having a lot of trouble there. You were stuck in the woods. Tell me about that shot and completing that hole and getting out of that.**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah. Honestly, it was -- I had 323 yards for my second shot, so I hit a 3-wood because the wind was kind of right to left and in, and I hit a -- I thought a pretty good shot just down the left side and the wind just -- it didn't come back. And kind of surprised it went as far as it did. But I had a pretty nice little window to hit it through and it was just a little punch shot out. So it really wasn't that much stress once I got down there to see what I had.

**Q. Got a little bark, though.**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah, I hit it a little higher than I wanted, but it got through it no problem.

**Q. What's the story behind the hat?**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** I just am friends with the commissioner and friends with MLB. I started with them when I first turned 50, with MLB.com when they first took off. And then Commissioner Manfred decided he wanted the MLB logo instead of the dot com logo. So it's been a great relationship, and it's something out of the box. People always ask, what's -- what's going on with the MLB logo? I think it's pretty cool to -- to be able to be sponsored by somebody other than a golf company or --

**Q. Payne Stewart and the NFL.**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah, he did it back in the day. So I'm doing it with baseball.

**THE MODERATOR:** Anything else for Billy? All right. Thanks, Billy.

**BILLY ANDRADE:** I just want to know, does anyone have any tickets tonight for the Tropics game? Jackie was going to leave tickets, but I --

**Q. They'll probably pay you to come.**

**BILLY ANDRADE:** Yeah, I really want to go. Yeah, maybe they can let me suit up. That would be fun instead of sitting in my hotel room.