

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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BILLY ANDRADE (-10)



BILLY ANDRADE: Putter today. Putter has been pretty absent pretty much the whole year, so when putts -- you start making a few, all of a sudden it gets contagious a little bit. These greens are really hard; a lot of poa annua, bumpy, similar to what I grew up on in Rhode Island as a kid. You can hit some putts that don't go in, you're going to have some shorties that you might miss, but overall just thrilled to be in this situation. I'm really looking forward to tomorrow. Love Miguel, he's a great player and see if we can -- and there's such a great leaderboard so anybody could come out of nowhere. And I know that, so I have to go out tomorrow and have a great round to have a chance to win this.

Q. Past champion here. Is there anything specific about this golf course that you just really like?

BILLY ANDRADE: You know, you've got to play smart. There's times when you don't really need to go for it. Angles. Jack Nicklaus, these greens are on like these little different angles so sometimes it's better maybe not to be up near the green, where you can lay back.

You know, this is a great tournament. People come out here and they support it. Boeing's done a great job and I would love to be a repeat champion here.

Q. I understand the clearing of the head has come to (a clearing of (inaudible.))

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, I don't know if I want to say that yet. I might like to wait on that. When I got the Payne Stewart Award, I can't tell you how many people said you have to -- including my wife, who's a preacher, that you have to write the speech out and it's going to take time. I procrastinated and procrastinated and now it's getting down to time to get this thing done.

I've never been a speechwriter, I've always kind of winged it and I can't wing this. After watching Justin Rose's speech last year, oh, my gosh, I mean, I was depressed watching it because it was so good and how am I going to compete or top or get it done. I had some help from my wife and a friend. I finally got it done this week, I got it done on Wednesday.

It's kind of taken the pressure off, so to speak. Yeah, now I can just go play golf. Maybe I think it was weighing on me a little bit and now it's gone, so now I can just go play golf and have fun.

Q. Is Sweet Caroline your karaoke song?

BILLY ANDRADE: I think it is now. It's the Red Sox song. You know how it came about?

Some intern kid in a meaningless game in June or something in the eighth inning just was up in the booth and just said, this game's boring, and he throws it on and now it's this cult hit at Fenway Park. It's really cool.