

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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BILLY ANDRADE

Q. It messes everybody up when you have these things.

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, you know, it's just part of what we do. We knew coming in that -- we were on the tee and we heard the rumblings of the thunder and we were like, are we really going to tee off? My group got to -- we hit our tee shots on 6, so amazing that we got six holes in, or five holes in. To see the radar, everybody's got radar, everybody's got it on their phones and you see what kind of weather we have. It's going to be really not be very good until afternoon tomorrow.

This golf course can't handle much more rain, so I don't know what -- they have us to be back in position at 7:30 in the morning. I don't know if that's going to be possible that we could -- we can be ready, but maybe the golf course can drain pretty good and we can.

But this is a part of being a pro. You've got to go through these kind of days. And Mother Nature takes over, doesn't it? There's really nothing we can do. I really feel bad for Insperty, for the folks that run the tournament, the volunteers out here that come out and support the event and for the fans. They want to come out and see us play, and when we have days like this, it's just kind of sad for everybody.

Q. Billy, you don't know what tomorrow's going to be like, it could end up being a 36-hole tournament. Does that kind of alter like your thinking and your strategy or mindset, like it may not be a whole 54-hole tournament and I need to post a pretty good score?

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah. I mean, probably everybody's thinking is that okay, if it's only going to be 36, maybe it is, that I hope I get the putter going, I hope I can make a few birdies starting out. I'm 1 over, I made a bogey on 2 and all pars, but anything can happen. A new day brings new feelings and stuff. If it's only going to be 36, then I better get going.

Q. Question for you, Billy. You played out here on the regular Tour, right?

BILLY ANDRADE: I did, yeah.

Q. How often did you play out here, how many years?

BILLY ANDRADE: Yeah, I can't remember. I have to go back and look, but I turned pro in '88. I think they moved this tournament in the 2000s to Redstone, so I played out there as well. I played a bunch of years here.

Walking off the first tee today, it reminded me -- eerily reminded me of the year we came here and didn't play. Actually, I think I hit my tee shot on 1 and then maybe hit my second shot into 1 and then they called it for rain and we never played. And then Sunday we did like kind of a scramble or something for TV that they came up with and we never had a tournament. I've been here where it's rained before and hopefully we'll get something in this weekend.

Q. That's what I was getting at, because for whatever reason this tournament's been pretty good as far as the Champions Tour not getting much rain.

BILLY ANDRADE: Right.

Q. Back in the day like when you were playing it would rain almost every year it seemed like.

BILLY ANDRADE: It seemed to be rain a lot in those days. You know, I mean, I have a tournament with Brad Faxon up in Rhode Island, our CVS event, and there's nothing worse for the whole camaraderie and everybody and how much time they have to put in to get a tournament like this going. You see weather like this, you're watching the water coming off the clubhouse here, it looks like a waterfall. It's just sad. We'll all do the best we can and hopefully we can chat on Sunday night and they can give me the check.