

Billy Andrade

He is one of the rarest of athletes, someone identified as a potential star as a youngster who not only has lived up to the expectations, he has exceeded them. He began making waves nationally as a teenager. Among other titles, he won the Insurance Youth Classic, the largest junior tournament in the world, twice. The personable Bristol resident represented the United States internationally a number of times. He and Sam Randolph won the Junior World Cup in 1981. Andrade also played on the World Amateur team in 1986 and on the Walker Cup squad in 1987. An All-American at Wake Forest, which he attended on an Arnold Palmer Scholarship, he helped lead the Demon Deacons to the national title in 1986. He also won both the North-South and Sunnehanna Amateurs before turning pro. Back home, he captured the Rhode Island Amateur in 1983, the first RIGA Stroke Play Championship in 1984 and the Open in 1987. As a pro, he went straight from college to the PGA Tour, where he has won four events and more than \$7 million. He and fellow Rhode Islander Brad Faxon were recipients of the Golf Writers Association of America Bartlett Award, given for unselfish contribution to society. The Andrade-Faxon Charities for Children have raised more than \$3 million.