

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: KIRK TRIPLETT
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Q. How was your day today?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Good, yeah, enjoyed it. This mountain golf is nice. It's so pretty up here and kind of relaxing even if you're not hitting the ball the way you want to. It's kind of peaceful, so almost didn't seem like a golf tournament. Enjoyed it, but I had a good round, too.

Q. So do you have any friends and family this week?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Not really. Maybe some acquaintances that maybe haven't showed themselves yet, but I hear a few shouts of Go Greyhounds from Pullman High School days and Wazzu. Everybody thinks that since I grew up in Pullman I went to Wazzu. Not true, but I was a Wazzu fan and always will be.

Q. Would it mean a little bit more to win this tournament being from Washington state?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Oh, absolutely, no question. If you asked me of all the tournaments I would like to win, I would like to win the majors, I would like to win at Pebble Beach and I would like to win in my home state.

Q. You're three shots behind, but there might only be one guy in front of you. Do you like your spot going into tomorrow's round?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, this is the kind of course, you know, if you have a good day, it's tough enough that it may be difficult to shoot under par with the lead. We've seen that in the past here. So if you have a good day and can shoot 5- or 6-under par, you might be able to catch Mr. Riegger and keep ahead of the other guys because they're doing the same thing. The course has enough twists and turns to it that it takes more than just good play to shoot a good score. You've got to get some good bounces and you've got to hole putts. It's a tricky golf course.

Q. Do you have a number in mind when you go out or do you just play hole by hole?

KIRK TRIPLETT: No, I've never really been that kind of a player, I'm just more of a show up and take what they give you. Maybe I'm hooking it on the range and I've got to play completely different than I did today when I was fading it. I'm kind of a more of a react to the moment kind of guy than make a big plan and go for it.

Q. 5- or 6-under, you would be pretty happy with that?

KIRK TRIPLETT: I think so. I will have done my part, right? If I shoot 5- or 6-under tomorrow, I will have done my part. It may take a lot less than that, it may take a lot more than that.