

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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KIRK TRIPLETT (-4)



Q. I guess talk about your round today. Looks like you put yourself kind of in contention for the next two days.

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, you know, this tour, if the conditions are nice and the greens are receptive, it's a 5 under a day gig. So you've got to either have a low one or just be consistent all week. So yeah, I'm happy to get off to a nice start, have a 4 under round.

Q. What do you feel was your strength today in this round?

KIRK TRIPLETT: I just didn't do anything really bad. I made one mistake and I managed to just make a bogey out of it and covered it up with a birdie immediately after. I had some chances that I let get away, but I made a couple nice saves, too. I'm happy with it.

Q. What is it about coming back here to Seattle that makes it so special?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, I'm a Washington guy, born in Moses Lake, grew up in Pullman, went to Pullman High School. And we haven't had that many professional golf tournaments that I've played in in the state of Washington, so I really enjoy the chance to get here to the Boeing Classic and play.

Q. Following up on that, was there a lot of people out here that knew you and cheered you on? You're kind of a local guy.

KIRK TRIPLETT: No, they're all over there with Fred. They know Fred a lot better than I do. When you're from Pullman, you get over here on this side of the state and they kind of forget who you are. They think maybe you live in Idaho.

Q. So we had -- Funk's at 8 under. What do you have to do to build on the momentum from today?

KIRK TRIPLETT: I have to figure out a way to get to 15 under or more, right? I need to keep doing what I'm doing. I need a 6 or 7 under to catch back up and I need to do it again on Sunday. It's a common theme out here. Most events are very similar to that. The courses are playable. Today the greens are receptive here. This course can get difficult, but if the greens are soft, then it's hard to get the pins far enough into the corners to really challenge the players or make them make bogeys. It's challenging, but conditions are so good, greens are nice, ball sits up in the fairway. Because they're good players, they're going to shoot low scores.