



Q. Well, thank you for joining us here. You have a two-shot lead heading into Saturday.

KIRK TRIPLETT: Shocker.

Q. Just your thoughts on the day?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, a beautiful day, the course is in great shape, a lot of good players up near the lead, but we're only halfway done. That's probably my No. 1 thought is there's a lot of golf, a lot of birdies left to be made.

Q. A couple years since you found the winner's circle, it's got to get the juices flowing, right?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, no. Yeah, I've had the juices flowing for the last six weeks just trying to get to this tournament. I've been the guy on the bubble, No. 36, for at least a month. I've been playing like I'm winning every single week, like every shot matters. I think that probably has something to do with my good play these last two days.

Q. How was today's round different than yesterday?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, both days I got off to a fast start and really was in good position to shoot a good score by the time I made the turn both days. No big mistakes, didn't really have to fight for too many pars and kind of kept the ball on the proper side all day. Maybe got a little not quite as aggressive the last few holes, got out of position a couple times, but we know where you've got to finish, right, and nobody's at that score yet.

Q. Playing with Phil, a lot of fans following you guys around.

KIRK TRIPLETT: Yeah. My wife and I were talking this morning just trying to remember the last time I played with Phil. It's probably at least 15 years ago. I've been out here 10 years, I hate to say it, and I haven't played any golf on the regular tour since I came out here.

It was great to play with him, but he's always been like that. He's great to his fellow pros, very talkative, very chatty, grinding away on every shot whether it's going his way or not. He's got so much firepower when you're watching him play, it's just fun to be out with him, with a Hall of Famer.

Q. And he brings the fans right along with him.

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, I said that to him on 6 or 7, I said, "Thank you." He said, "For what?" I said, "Thanks for bringing all these people out."

We get nice crowds here at Phoenix every year, but we've got more people than we usually do and he's the reason.

Q. Looks like you have a new caddie, too, someone in the last couple of events you've made a change there. Can you talk a little bit about your history?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, I usually, I make it about three or four years at a time with a caddie. It was just kind of time for both of us to change. I had used Brian a few years ago just on a one-off week and he caddied for one of my son's friends, Dylan Wu on the Korn Ferry Tour. He's been caddying a little bit on the regular tour and he was nice enough to come out and work the last couple of events for me.

Q. We have this photo from 2017, you pulled in with this guy. Can you just tell us a little bit about this?

KIRK TRIPLETT: I watch all the car shows, right? I like to watch other people's cars, right, because I know they're a money pit. For a 25th anniversary, that thing showed up on a trailer, a '62 Chevy, which is the year I was born. A friend of mine did a bunch of work to it. I drive it for (inaudible.)

Q. Will you come with this tomorrow?

KIRK TRIPLETT: We'll see, we'll see.

Q. We'll be in the parking lot in case you show up with it.

KIRK TRIPLETT: I don't know, it might not make the trip this week. We'll see. I'm 13 under driving the other truck, so not that I'm superstitious, but I'm not dumb.