KIRK TRIPLETT (-14)



Q. Maybe just take us through sort of this back nine. It was kind of coming in waves there, a lot of ups and downs, but you had a look at it here on 18?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, that's the way the course is set up. It's got some difficult holes where players make bogeys and you've got some birdie chances. For me it ended up coming down to 18 and just didn't play the hole very well. Poor tee shot, poor second, and even worse third, so pretty disappointed. I hope Scott remembers Joe and I at Christmastime this year because I feel like we kind of -- you know, he earned it, he birdied the last hole, but we could have made it more --

Q. As you're standing on that 18th green, we up here were thinking there's a pretty good chance somebody gets this to a playoff, but I mean just maybe take us through that mindset as you're standing on that 18th green.

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, I had, you know, I had a nice yardage out there with my wedge, but I just struck it really poorly, same as my tee shot. So I struggled a little bit with my ball striking yesterday. Today was better, I got off to a good start. I had some good breaks early and thought, okay. And Joe was playing well, it seemed like it was going to be a push to 16 or 17. You know, as often happens, 14 or 15 ends up being pretty good.

Q. Just one last one, you've come close here, you've played very well here over the years at this tournament, but where does it sit in your mindset because it's close, but --

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, I love coming in. You know, at the start of the week if somebody were to tell you, hey, you'll be in a three-way tie for second, you'll be thrilled to death. But standing there with a chance to win, right now it kind of stinks.