

KIRK TRIPLETT (-5)

Q. Not a bad looking state you grew up in.

KIRK TRIPLETT: No, pretty nice over here, especially in the summertime.

Q. Are you going to hang around and -- you're just headed to Calgary?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Yeah, we go to Calgary next week.

Q. No sightseeing for you?

KIRK TRIPLETT: No. I've seen all the sights here.

Q. You played in this now five times?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Yeah, I don't know exactly. Somewhere in there, because yeah, I missed it a couple times because this was the week that a couple of my kids started school, so I was taking them to school, so I haven't played every year.

Q. Yeah, that's fine. Do you consider Pullman your hometown?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, I grew up in Pullman. I was born in Moses Lake, but I grew up in Pullman.

Q. Your dad was head of purchasing for WSU?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Yep. I graduated Pullman High School in 1980, so spent a lot of time here.

Q. Do you get back here at all besides this tournament?

KIRK TRIPLETT: No too much. I came a couple days early this year. I was over in Spokane and Lewiston. Yeah, just for a couple days.

Q. Is this one of your favorites or at this point do you just kind of say what I've won is my favorite?

KIRK TRIPLETT: I love coming here. Nice course and it's good to see some familiar sights, too. Catch up with some friends. I obviously know some people in the area, so it's nice to catch up each year.

Q. How closely do you follow WSU football?

KIRK TRIPLETT: You know, I like to see them do well. I'm not going to live and die -- if you're a Cougar fan, you couldn't live and die it. You enjoy the good years and forget the bad years. They are quite entertaining right now with Coach Leach, but, you know, they've always kind of run some high powered offences through there. I knew Mark Rypien a little bit because he was a big golfer. Then we had, it was the kid that went to Rosenbaugh (ph.) He's from Pullman.

Q. Yeah.

KIRK TRIPLETT: Some of those guys.

Q. When they cranked out two NFL quarterbacks in like three years...

KIRK TRIPLETT: Yeah, yeah. Some were better than others.

Q. Yeah, that's amazing for a school that size. What do you like about the course here?

KIRK TRIPLETT: You know, it just has a really nice variety of holes. You've got a lot of elevation changes. I think it's mountain golf, right? Mountain golf can be really fun or it can be really frustrating. So when it's not going your day, you never seem to have the right club in your hand, and when it is going your way, every shot you hit ends up close to the hole whether you hit it good or not. It's a momentum week. I think that probably shows on the leaderboard here. I don't think the same guys do well year after year, I think it really spreads around. It does help to hit it a little bit farther and carry the ball. I think the longer hitters have a little bit of an advantage.