

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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KIRK TRIPLETT (-9, won playoff)

Q. Congratulations, Kirk. Just talk a little bit about your day and ending up in a playoff there towards the end.

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, from the individual perspective, I was really more focused on my junior today because we were in good shape. We got off to a good start and I was just kind of all day playing to, I don't know, more to help him. The leaders were at 10 and I was at 6 or 7. I just never really felt in touch with that aspect of the tournament, I was really trying to help Sam. Boy, the guys came back a little bit and I made some birdies. It changes fast out here, especially here.

Q. When did you realize you had a chance?

KIRK TRIPLETT: I think when I rolled the putt in on 14, the par 5, because in my experience here the years that I've birdied 14, I've played well coming in. No. 14 can be a very pivotal hole out there, it's very difficult. So the shots are short, but very demanding. When I made that putt, I thought, all right, there's a chance here. Sure enough, I birdied the next hole. Then I saw that the guys were at 9 and 10 and I thought, all right, birdie number two coming in, you've got a chance.

Q. Cool nickname you've got, Mr. Pebble?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, I don't know. Maybe it's self given, but there are a few guys that call me that. It feels pretty good.

Q. What is it about this place that gives you so much success here through the years?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, I think it's just that I embrace it. When I'm playing in the rough conditions yesterday and it can go sideways on you very fast. I was definitely on the wrong part of the draw, but I hit some good chips, I got some good bounces. I ended up shooting 3 under.

It doesn't always happen, I've shot my 81s out here like everybody else in the rough times. Just a willingness knowing that I've had some success and that it's possible.

Q. What does it mean to win here three times? A special place obviously?

KIRK TRIPLETT: Well, yeah. I mean, winning anything is great. I won three times on the regular tour and feel blessed to have done that, and now I think I've won eight on the

Champions Tour. So when you think in terms of 700 or 800 tournaments, that's not a lot of winning. So any winning is really good, but to do it here, it's -- I know a lot of people, I have a lot of friends up here. I come up here at other times during the year. I take instruction from Laird Small over at Pebble Beach Golf Academy and I have for 25, 30 years. He's been instrumental in my success. I just like coming up here, it's a fun place for me.

Q. Overall, you've just had a very successful year, I think today's win moved you to No. 4 in Schwab Cup rankings. Just talk a little bit about your approach heading to the Playoffs. We have one event left.

KIRK TRIPLETT: Yeah, I don't really think about all of that stuff too much. I just try and play the tournaments that are in front of me. I'm 57 years old. Anything you get after 54, 55 I think is kind of gravy out here.

A year and a half ago I started hitting the ball better. I really thought I played very poorly for a year, just like physically poorly, just not hitting it very good, just saving everything with my putting and chipping. I started hitting the ball pretty good about the middle of last summer and that's given me new life. I've had a lot of chances to win and I feel very competitive and I'm pretty thankful for that.