

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE**  
**August 9, 2024**

**KIRK TRIPLETT (-5)**



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**Q. So what went so well for you today? Is it the fact that you're just playing in basically your backyard here in Washington?**

**KIRK TRIPLETT:** Well, that may be part of it, I always enjoy coming up here to the Northwest. I grew up in Pullman and I've obviously played a fair amount over here in the greater Seattle area.

I hit some bad shots starting out and I saved pars. Made a couple birdie putts and got some momentum going. Made some mistakes, but recovered from my mistakes. Then I had a couple good saves at the end. That's kind of how the day went, a little bit of everything.

**Q. You eagled on your first hole on the back nine. What sort of just happened there?**

**KIRK TRIPLETT:** I hit a good drive and a nice second shot. You kind of have to thread the gap there and get the right bounce. I hit a 5-wood in there about 15 feet and rolled it right in the jar. I was feeling pretty good then.

**Q. Tied for fourth, I think, currently right now. What's just your mindset going into tomorrow?**

**KIRK TRIPLETT:** Well, I think just try and reinforce the good ones and have fewer bad ones. It's been a long year and I haven't been able to put good rounds together. This is probably one of my better rounds this year. Just hope to go out and kind of do the same thing tomorrow, right? It's that kind of course. If the greens are still a little soft, you can be aggressive. They can get very firm here also, it becomes a strategy course. So we'll just have to wait and see what the conditions allow.

**Q. Just what's your favorite part of golfing here in just the state of Washington?**

**KIRK TRIPLETT:** In the Northwest? Oh, man, the trees, the pine trees. I've lived in Arizona now for 30-plus years. Just coming and seeing the rolling mountains and the pine trees makes me feel good. I love it when I fly in and see that Mount Rainier, boy. My mom, she used to call that her mountain, she was always looking for it, so makes me think of her.