

**East Lake Cup Men – Stroke Play Singles**  
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**MAXWELL FORD**  
**North Carolina**



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**Q. Here with Maxwell Ford from UNC.**

**Maxwell, how does it feel to be here right now at home?**

**MAXWELL FORD:** Sweet. It's unreal. Yeah, this was kind of something that I like had circled forever, since I committed, and it's been amazing. I'm just trying to like slow it down and take it all in as much as I can because it's been so good so far.

**Q. Being on your home course, that's got to give you a little edge, right?**

**MAXWELL FORD:** I think so. I think just like little things, knowing where I can hit it, where I can't hit it, and then obviously having some people out here to support makes it fun.

**Q. How does that support make you feel just having all these little kids watching you? You've got family, friends, people that you grew up with. How is that?**

**MAXWELL FORD:** Yeah, I don't know. Like I said, I'm just trying to like take it all in. I don't want it to be over, but I know in like two days it's going to be over. Yeah, it's just like the happiest experience, happiest few days of the semester, I'd say.

**Q. How about getting to do it with your brother, David? You were one group in front of him. How has that whole experience been?**

**MAXWELL FORD:** It's fun. I like being able to like turn around and look and see if he's making a putt. I guess this week I can kind of hear if he's making a putt. Yeah, I like kind of having him out there at least like within sight to watch is fun. Makes it entertaining for me.

**Q. How do you feel about your team going forward into match play now?**

**MAXWELL FORD:** Pretty good. I think we're solid. I mean, match play is just one of those deals where it can be tricky, just depends on who you draw. Just going to come down to hitting each shot the best week.

My teammate's just hit that same putt three times and he's missed it three times in a row in the same spot.

But just hit each shot the best we can and just keep fighting and see what happens.



**Q. Last one for you, 3 under, great day. What was going well for you?**

**MAXWELL FORD:** I felt pretty good about my driver. I haven't been driving it great the last week or so, but I had a good day with the driver today. Felt I was hitting some good putts, too. Overall, it didn't feel all that great golf-wise, but I scraped it around and got it in there.

