## East Lake Cup Women – Stroke Play Singles October 30, 2023

### **COACH JUSTIN SILVERSTEIN Southern California**



#### Q. Overall impressions on how your team played today?

**JUSTIN SILVERSTEIN:** I think we did a lot of stuff really well. The more we play this place, I think the more comfortable we'll get with a lot of lines off the tees, which seems to be the biggest challenge we've had since we've been here. We got one-and-a-half practice rounds in. Kind of each day we've been here we get a little more comfortable with the golf course and sightlines off the tee. So I think we did pretty well.

Need to play the par 5s a little better, that was a little frustrating I think from the group, was not taking advantage of those even though we put ourselves in pretty good position. I think we're in a good spot. Come out tomorrow, play well. Again, another day being comfortable here. We're going to have to bring it tomorrow, playing probably the best team in the country right now.

#### Q. What's your message to the team going into tomorrow?

**JUSTIN SILVERSTEIN:** A lot like it usually is, got to be super disciplined and really committed. I think there's a lot of external talk about motivation to play Wake again, who lost in the finals last year. That's not going to do us any good, that will hurt us more than help us.

Just got to stay in our own little bubble, be super disciplined, stick to our game plan and just hit committed golf shots. If we do that, I think we'll put ourselves in a good position to win tomorrow.

# Q. I know you've got a lot of experienced players you're bringing here, but what's it like getting an event like this in the fall that mimics that national title format?

**JUSTIN SILVERSTEIN:** It's a monster deal. I think having cameras around is a big deal, especially for some of our younger players who haven't been through it and just a little reminder to our older players about what it's like, because it does change stuff. You can say it doesn't affect you, but it affects everyone. Heart rates change a little bit, anxiety kicks up. So it's good to get used to it.

Also, you're playing against three other of the best teams in the country when you're in this event, so just getting to play that elite competition at an amazing golf course, both East Lake and this, is a really good deal. It's a good test to see where you're at in the fall season. Hopefully leave here with a win and some positive vibes going to the offseason.

