

East Lake Cup Men – Match Play
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Q. So how important is it that you just got the first point for your team?

DAVID FORD: Pretty important. I mean, I was just trying to get a point for my team. The fact that it's the first, I guess that's not what I was hoping to hear, but yeah, a point for my team is always good.

Q. Yesterday you said you were really excited to come out here for match play because you were excited to see everyone come out and support you. Did you feel that excitement today when you were playing?

DAVID FORD: Yeah, definitely. I got a few texts before the round saying that my friends are coming out. The people that are here are really meaningful. One of my good friends, Jack Wright, is here, my coach was out here, and then some people from college golf fellowship, and my friend Ben Pell was out here. I'd say all the select few that I have are really important to me.

Q. And you're from this area, correct?

DAVID FORD: Yes.

Q. So how does your comfort level playing out here on this course help you?

DAVID FORD: Yeah, it's really helpful. I think that especially with the pins being in some tough spots, I know where to miss it to a lot of tough pins. If the pin is back on 6, I know that long is fine. It usually looks like it's pretty bad. There's just a few spots where I feel like home course knowledge definitely helped me and allowed me to be more aggressive.

Q. Do you feel that you were able to play with your irons a little bit better today than you did yesterday?

DAVID FORD: Definitely, yeah. I hit it a lot better into the greens on some holes. I'd say the direction of my irons is a lot better. I came up short on a few that didn't really make sense. Yeah, I didn't hit the driver quite as good, but I hit the irons better.

Q. Anything else that you have to say?

DAVID FORD: No. I'm just happy to get a point for my team, I guess.

