

**East Lake Cup Men – Match Play**  
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**Florida Head Coach**



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**Q. Overall takeaways on how your team fared today?**

**COACH J.C. DEACON:** We hung in there. Really proud of Tyler to get that point in the opening match, and then Luke played fantastic to win I think 4&3, and then we just couldn't get that last point. I was with Parker Bell all day and I think he was 3 or 4 under par and Tyler Weaver for Florida State just putted so great. We just couldn't get it over the finish line. Proud of Matt Kress, he really hung in there at the end. Florida State was just a little bit better.

**Q. Message to your team headed into tomorrow?**

**COACH J.C. DEACON:** It's a big day. We need to get out of here with a win. I know it sucks to be playing in the consolation match, not where we want to be, but need to get fired up and finish the fall on the right note.

**Q. How valuable is it to get an event like this under your belt in the fall, something that mimics --**

**COACH J.C. DEACON:** Yeah, it's huge just for their growth as players to be in these big moments on TV. To get this experience, it's really, really important. You never know when it's going to pay off, whether it's this year, next year, down the road for them when they're pros. Unbelievable event, great hospitality. The TV's awesome and the guys are really having a blast.

