

**East Lake Cup Women – Match Play**  
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**Q. All right. So how are you feeling about your team and what you saw out there today?**

**COACH JUSTIN SILVERSTEIN:** It was a tough loss. Got off to a really slow start, but played really well on the back nine. Happy Bailey got out early, got a win. Bri played great. Catherine Park shot the second lowest score of the day to par and got beat 3 & 2. Just happens in match play, she just got beat.

Cindy and Amari got off to awful starts, it was a little too much to overcome. But we're super proud of the way they fought back. That match meant a lot to us, Wake having beat us in the finals last year. So tough one to swallow, but saw a lot of good stuff.

**Q. What message are you going to give to your team going into tomorrow?**

**COACH JUSTIN SILVERSTEIN:** Told them we still have a lot to play for. We've had a really good fall and I think they deserve to end the fall on a positive note. And A & M's really good, they're a top 7, 8 team in the country. We need to bring it tomorrow. Another great match play experience in college for us. Like the way the lineup shook out, think it's a good team to compete against. We're actually going to start the fall season playing A & M in a dual match in San Diego, so it's a little preview for that. They're back at the hotel getting some rest, they should be ready to go in the morning.

**Q. And a little bit, how did your players feel today, especially with the weather change from yesterday to today?**

**COACH JUSTIN SILVERSTEIN:** We got a lot of southern California kids, we were cold, and two southern California coaches, so we were freezing. But they adjusted pretty well to the weather. Golf ball's going a lot shorter. The wind was a little stronger today for most of our round than yesterday, but it was from the same direction all day, which made it a little easier than yesterday. Yesterday it was moving all over the place.

I think we handled the weather change pretty well. Tomorrow's going to be difficult for us. That's cold. We're not used to that kind of cold. We'll see. They'll do the best they can. They've played a lot of golf around the country, so I'm sure they'll be fine.

