

East Lake Cup Men – Match Play Round 2
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Q. Andrew DiBitetto from UNC, first off, what's the feeling right now? How would you describe just being a champion of this prestigious golf tournament?

COACH ANDREW DiBITETTO: Obviously the guys are excited. Anytime you compete and get the result that you want, you know, you're happy, satisfied, excited.

I think there's also a little bit -- on our side, a little bit of relief that we get a little bit of a break now. It's been a great stretch, the fall semester, but it's also been really busy with, you know, really fortunate to have guys at the Walker Cup and then five team tournaments, really four in a row in the month of October, David Ford going with Team USA to the World Am, so it's been busy, busy. But overall obviously very happy with where things are at.

Q. And what did you learn from your team this week specifically?

COACH ANDREW DiBITETTO: Yeah. I think the biggest thing is just seeing Maxwell Ford and Kenan Poole in the situations they were in yesterday, being in critical spots in the 4 and 5 match, being down late in their match and just seeing them just keep going, just keep plugging away. Both of them fought to extra holes, and then obviously Maxwell ended up winning to get the third point. And other than that, I mean, anytime you compete, you continue to learn about areas of your game that can get better.

It's pretty cool, I walked with Kenan Poole today and he didn't have his best stuff, but we've already had some amazing conversations about what he's going to work on this offseason, so all good.

Q. So Matthew and Kenan, great matches yesterday. Let's talk about David and guys like him, and Austin Greaser, who just dominated today. David did it both days. What is it about those guys that you think just makes match play fit their game so well?

COACH ANDREW DiBITETTO: They're both bulldogs, but in different ways. Grease just gets so locked in and so focused. He's so clutch, especially with the putter. And then David, he's always got a smile on his face. He plays the game with a lot of joy and just a lot of positivity. So they both get it done in their own way.

Q. And just wrapping up, these last three days here at the East Lake Cup, prestigious tournament at an incredible golf course, how would you describe your time here at the East Lake Cup?



COACH ANDREW DiBITETTO: It's been amazing. I've said it a couple times, but for Golf Channel to put this on, for East Lake to have us, the East Lake Foundation, the Atlanta Athletic Club, you know, it's great for the game of college golf, but it's also great for the young men and women. It's the match play format, but it's also the galleries and it's the TV. This is helping them develop -- if they want to play professional golf, this is helping them significantly to that path because just the experience and the opportunity, so it's been amazing.

