

East Lake Cup Women – Match Play Round 2
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Q. Yesterday you told me about the grit you saw from your team.

COACH ANNE WALKER: Yeah.

Q. What did you see from them today?

COACH ANNE WALKER: Same grit. It's crazy, on the scoreboard it looks like it was pretty close, but for a while there it wasn't close at all. They just kept taking it one shot at a time and ended getting us right back in it. Ultimately, we fell there on 18, but it sure felt like we had a chance at the trophy.

Q. I heard a lot of laughs in that postgame conversation. What did you tell your team after play wrapped up today?

COACH ANNE WALKER: Just this is a great opportunity to learn and that's the only thing that we -- if we walk away from here and miss that opportunity, then this was a wasted week.

But otherwise I really believe that we got better. I think we got better yesterday, I think we got better today. I think it was phenomenal to play with Wake Forest today. They don't really have any weak links. Like they were super solid and I believe that they'll be there at the National Championship and you're going to have to go through them to get a shot at that title. So for us to have played with them today and see what they're made of, I think's really important because then we know what we're up against and what we're working towards.

Q. How vital was it to get this rep in the fall with all the cameras around, this format, to get the match play and get your players that experience?

COACH ANNE WALKER: Yeah, I think it's good. You know, yes, never take that for granted. Really good.

Q. How do you guys take this momentum into the spring?

COACH ANNE WALKER: Well, we're heading into the offseason, so we're fully going to take the momentum into relaxing. It's been a long year for all these kids. They've worked really hard, they play all summer. I think they're all ready to take some time to rest and then we'll get back at it in January.

