

East Lake Cup Men – Stroke Play
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Q. So obviously the torrid stretch starting on 13, five holes, three birdies, one eagle. Walk me through like what made that possible for you to basically to go win the tournament on those five holes.

JACK VOJTKO: Yeah, for me, I just -- my goal going into the round, I want to play boring golf. I felt like I honestly struck the ball the same throughout the round. Had a little bit of a hiccup 10 through 12, but my short game held me in there. I kind of got my putter going making some good par putts there. Putts started to fall for me. I gave myself good chances and kind of just went on that roll that I did and brought it in strong, so I was really happy to do that. This is what my game's capable of and it's finally good to see that happen.

Q. Yeah, you mentioned boring golf, no bogeys on the day. Is that the same mindset? What makes that possible?

JACK VOJTKO: It's that same mindset of just that boring golf. Try to hit the side of the greens. Especially out here, with these green complexes and how firm they are, there's not too many pins that you can really fire at after -- I think I only had three pins I fired at all day, hole 5, 16, 17. Other than that, like it's tough to fire at these pins with how firm they are and how the greens are shaped. Just the key today was boring golf.

Q. Yeah, you come in 18 needing a par to win, you're in the bunker. Are there any nerves? Like what steels you in that time to let you get up on the green and two-putt?

JACK VOJTKO: I was just short of the bunker there in that little tight lie. I had a little nerves going. I was like all right, I've got to carry the bunker, put some spin on this. I didn't hit the greatest chip shot, I didn't have great contact on it, but it got over the bunker and that's all I wanted. Gave myself a look at birdie and two-putt to take it home.

Q. And sophomore year like winning a tournament like this at an historic place like this, like what makes you able to do that so early in your career?

JACK VOJTKO: I feel like my career, I've had a lot of people to look up to. Last year I came in early. I started in the spring as a freshman and I learned from guys like Neal Shipley, Max Maldovan and the rest of the seniors, they taught me so much and I really matured quickly under them. I knew this year we're a really young team and we've got to step up and do the smart things and I kind of try to take on that role and that led me to do what I did today.

Q. And last thing from me, how do you sort of reset yourself for tomorrow for match



play team play after this awesome win here?

JACK VOJTKO: Yeah, it's copy and paste what I did today, just boring golf. Pars are going to win holes out here playing match play. Kind of trying to wear the other guy out. You don't have to do anything special out here. I mean, it wasn't like us hitting crazy shots, you've just got to give yourself looks out here.

