

**East Lake Cup Women – Match Play**  
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**AINE DONEGAN**  
**LSU**



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**Q. I'm here with Aine Donegam, who just won her match 6-up for LSU. How did you do it?**

**AINE DONEGAN:** I played really solid today. I started off well, was kind of up early. Made a good six-footer to tie the hole on the second and then birdied the third and was kind of smooth enough in from there, to be honest.

I played really well. My putter was really good today. It's been good all week, I just haven't hit any fairways yesterday. I mainly just hit my 3-wood today off the tee. I hit my driver once and it was way right. Hit my 3-wood and hit the fairways, which I think is important around this course. Then made putts, which is nice. Never really gave her an opportunity to get one in, which I think is always good to do in match play. Kind of forced her, she had to make a birdie. I think I made one bogey on 6, or on 5, but other than that, no bogeys, which was nice. I'm pretty pleased.

**Q. Driver on 8, right?**

**AINE DONEGAN** Yeah.

**Q. And then you ended up going up and down to somehow win that hole. Walk me through that and how did it shift the momentum?**

**AINE DONEGAN:** Yeah. So hit my drive way right and she hit her drive just front of the green. I could have tried like a crazy shot, flop over a bunker into a firm green with water in the back, but I just chipped it out to the right onto kind of like the fringe. I had like 11 paces from the fringe. She hit a really good putt to like two feet. Then made my putt, she missed. It was about two and a half feet, three feet, her putt.

Then all of a sudden I thought I was going to lose the hole and I win the hole. It was like kind of crazy, to be honest. Made a really good birdie putt on -- made like another really good long one on 9 and then made another long enough one on 10 and then birdied 1 as well, which just kind of gave me a little bit pump in my step. It was good. Yeah, I was really pleased. It was funny.

**Q. And this is the middle day of the three days here at East Lake. How important is it to close out a match early going into day 3 tomorrow?**

**AINE DONEGAN:** Yeah, I suppose for energy levels it's good. It's just less stress, to be



honest. Hopefully our team can get it done. I know we were doing well earlier. It's gotten a little bit tighter now, but I think we got it done. Then rest up for tomorrow hopefully in a final and have the chance to win the cup.

