

East Lake Cup Women – Stroke Play
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Q. First off, what was it like watching Dianna win the individual stroke play and seeing your senior step up in that way?

COACH EMILY FLETCHER: Yeah, she played a great round of golf, 3 under through eight holes and made that sole bogey there on the last. You know, I think she came out with very little expectation today and just really settled in. Her putting was quite good, her speed was good.

I didn't watch a lot, I watched mostly from afar with her, but just stepped up and made a great birdie on 17. Hit a great shot from the fairway bunker and made a decent size putt.

What I'm most proud of there, that's a part of her game that she's really worked on, so to step up and make birdie on 17 out of a fairway bunker, kudos to her. It's an area where she's really worked hard to improve.

Q. And what's it like having your team play in such a high level tournament on an historic golf course like this?

COACH EMILY FLETCHER: Yeah, yeah, just can't say enough about the grounds crew here. Like literally I didn't see one of our players taking relief for temporary water anywhere, which given the amount of rain we had overnight, it just speaks to the level of just the expertise and the quality of the staff here at East Lake. It lived up to the hype for sure. Not only did the golf course and the conditions, the rain did not take away from the condition of the golf course at all. It was absolutely spectacular really, even with two inches of rain.

Q. And given these outdoor conditions, obviously it's not ideal, so what was the message? What were you telling your girls today to get through this?

COACH EMILY FLETCHER: You just had to be patient. Whether we played earlier in the day or late in the day, just know that you just had to be patient.

It actually wasn't as windy as we thought it would be. We thought it might be a bit more windy. But the golf course didn't play that soft. The fairways played a little softer, but the greens, you still had to pay attention, the ball was still releasing out.

So anytime you play here you've got to play with precision and patience, you've got to play smart, you've got to play to the proper side of the hole and that was just kind of the plan all along. Need to do a little better at that.



Q. And then what did you learn about your team as a whole today that you can take with you tomorrow for match play?

EMILY FLETCHER: Yeah, I just think anytime you get nine more holes under your belt at this golf course, I think it just helps you to prepare for tomorrow. Having that extra practice round in the college am, I think the players settled in a little bit more and felt like they sort of had the layout a little bit more in their control. I think we'll just look to keep improving on that tomorrow.

