

East Lake Cup Men – Match Play
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Q. Great performances today, really close matches. What did you make of the team's performances today?

COACH J.C. DEACON: Every time you play match play in these things, it's close. It's crazy, there's never an easy match and today was that again. You get the balance of the match in one person's hands, you want it to be Jack Turner. He just worked so hard and built for these moments. I'm really happy for him that he was able to prevail.

Q. I was going to say, what was it like getting to see him kind of have that chance to step up and be a leader?

COACH J.C. DEACON: You know, that's the best part about this job is watching these guys' dreams come true. We talked about it a little bit this morning, that they've been dreaming about this forever, to play on TV in front of a national audience on a golf course like this. That's pretty cool that he made birdie up the last there to win. Really happy for him.

Q. And you guys play UVA tomorrow, familiar team, you guys met in the National Championship two years ago.

COACH J.C. DEACON: Last year.

Q. Last year. So what is the message to the team playing a familiar team like this?

COACH J.C. DEACON: Well, I think that day left a really sour taste in our mouth. I know the guys are going to be up for it, they're going to be really excited, but they've got an amazing team with a lot of experience, so we've got to have our best tomorrow.

Q. And what was the message coming into today after yesterday's conditions, the nine holes to playing a full 18-hole match play?

COACH J.C. DEACON: This team's like pretty experienced and has had a ton of match play under their belt. Nothing really out of the ordinary. We're just trying to create an identity of being a smart, disciplined team. I don't know how everyone played today, but those first two matches we won pretty handily and it was just fun watching Duds and Jack come down the end there and get it done against a great player in Sasso. Cool day.

