

East Lake Cup Men – Match Play
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Q. First match of the day for your team, first one out there in match play. What's it like getting that first point on the board so quick for your team?

MICHAEL LEE: It feels good. I think I just set the tone for the team. We are the No. 1 seed and I think if the guys see a point on the leaderboard, it just incentivizes them to just, man, we've got a point, let's just go get it. We're a third of the way there, all we need is two more, just grind it out. I think it makes it easier for the other guys, so I'm glad I did my job.

Q. Walk me through just how you were able to build that lead and hold onto it and actually build on it even at the end to just close things out.

MICHAEL LEE: I just started off, I mean, it couldn't really have gone better. No. 1, I hit -- 1, I just made a casual two-putt birdie from off the green. Thankfully, he lipped out his birdie putt on 2. He hit it close. From there I just, I think I made three or four birdies in a row and kind of just took the lead and never really let go. I mean, had one double in there and one hiccup, but that's all right. I think I just got off to such a good start, I just felt so confident over every single shot.

Q. You know, you're a freshman on a team of mostly juniors and seniors, even a grad student. What's it like being the first point on the board, obviously winning the low man yesterday, like what's that like?

MICHAEL LEE: Good question. I guess I don't think of it too much like that. They're older, sure, three, four years, even five, whatever, but at the end of the day we're teammates, we're brothers. I don't see age. These are the guys I spend the most time with in my life. Just to be a part of that team means a lot to me.

Q. Excited to be done quick and cheer on your team for the rest of the day? Is that going to be fun?

MICHAEL LEE: That's right, yeah. Just got to go out there, support the guys and hopefully get some good reaction when I see them out there pretty early. That would be great.

