

East Lake Cup Men – Match Play
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PAUL CHANG
Virginia



Q. Paul Chang just got the point for Virginia. Walk me through the round. A three-hole birdie stretch, seemed like you were feeling it today.

PAUL CHANG: Yeah. Well, after the turn I was 2 up and I felt really comfortable with this place. I thought, you know, let's just keep the gas pressed and try to win this match.

We tied -- no, he won 10 actually. He won 10, he stuck it to two feet. Stepped up on 11, he hit the green. It's a hard green to hit. Thought let me just hit the pin, try to hit the pin, and I hit it to like 10 feet and made the putt. His putt lipped out there and that really changed the momentum. I gained a lot of momentum from that because I was 2 up and then I was 1 up and now I'm 2 up again and I got two easy holes coming. I was just on attack mode.

Q. And Michael's right here with you. You guys were both able to close out your matches early. What's it like being able to get the point done, not have to even mess with 18, 17 and get the point?

PAUL CHANG: Well, it's a stress relief, right? Everyone tries to end their match early. Doesn't always go that way. I played pretty well today. Boston played good, too, and he's a great guy. Never met him before this week and I hope I made a friend.

Q. Seems like you have a lot of friends on this Virginia team. You guys are so tight knit.

PAUL CHANG: We are.

Q. You're always smiling, laughing. Talk to me about how special this group is.

PAUL CHANG: Oh, I mean, I could not ask for a better team, could not ask for a better team. I mean, we are so united, we know each other so well and we can do anything sometimes it feels like. Yeah, we've got some great players and great people.

Q. What leads to this confidence that you all are carrying about and have been for the last week or so now? What creates that confidence?

PAUL CHANG: Trust in each other. We know we have five of the best players in the world and we can count on them to shoot a good score. So go into today, in my head at least, if I just win my match, we're going to pull through. And I'm sure that's the case for everyone in their head; let me just win my match and we'll probably pull through.

