

**East Lake Cup Women – Stroke Play  
October 24, 2022**

**GERROD CHADWELL**  
Head Coach, Texas A&M



---

**Q. Top seed headed into tomorrow. What did you see out of your squad today?**

**GERROD CHADWELL:** Just competitive. I think this place, where our games are at right now, just kind of sets up for it. You've got to ball strike it all over the place here. We struggled today with speed control on the greens, which it can happen here if you get above the hole.

I like the way we competed. It's been a little while since we've played, almost three weeks, so that was kind of the mission today was try and get the first seed and then go get after it the next two days because the work's not done yet.

**Q. The work's not done, but you did claim medalist honor with Blanca's round today. What have you seen from her not only today but really all fall?**

**GERROD CHADWELL:** Really saw the best side of her at Arkansas. We've really been working with her on just focusing and not getting too far ahead. Just that really sometimes thoughts aren't facts. She kind of creates some stuff that's really not there. She picked up where she left off.

The cameras came out on the finish and I think she got a little nervous, but it's good. I think that's something she can work on for the postseason. As she goes, we go. She's our heartbeat in a way, so last two weeks have been great for her.

**Q. You mentioned the postseason. You get to mimic that with the event format here. How crucial is that to get that experience in the fall?**

**GERROD CHADWELL:** Oh, my gosh, it's huge for us right now to have a match play format. You don't see it a whole lot, I think there's maybe just a couple events in the fall, so it gives us a lot to look at as coaches and also something to work on at home. We see how we match up with other people in the country that maybe you'll see them down the road, but this is so valuable to have match play experience in the fall.

**Q. You've been the architect of a rapid rising College Station the last couple years. What are the core values that have led to that?**

**GERROD CHADWELL:** I was talking to Burko earlier, Steve Burkowski. These kids really do love each other and that's what we try and create. It's people over performance first and that's what we tried to do when we got there. The intangibles that this group has, I know I



won't have that with every team. We're enjoying it while we have it. Our work on the golf course is pretty minimal, everything we do at home a trying to foster that environment and it translates when we get on an airplane.

**Q. I know you're about to talk to them right now. What's the message going into match play?**

**GERROD CHADWELL:** That the work is not done. Mission accomplished from what we talked about this morning, but let's go be competitive tomorrow and work on the things that we need to work on cleaning up and let's try and be in that final group on Wednesday. It's what we came to do so far.

