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Arkansas-Duke Advance to Finals of Callaway Collegiate Match Play Championship

Bradenton, Fla. – Top-seeded Duke will face third-seeded and defending tournament champion Duke in the final of the Callaway Collegiate Match Play Championship at The Concession Golf Club in Bradenton, Fla.

Arkansas swept its five matches against Chattanooga to win its semifinal bout. Sebastian Cappelen and Austin Cook claimed their matches 4 and 3 and 4 and 2, respectively. Ethan Tracy, Kolton Crawford and Thomas Sorensen all won 1-up for the Razorbacks.

"We had a couple of guys get off to good starts," said Arkansas Coach Brad McMakin. "Sebastian (Cappelen) got ahead early in his match, which definitely makes you feel good as a coach. Austin (Cook) was up 4 four through nine. As a coach if you can get two guys in control early it allows you to focus on the other three and takes a lot of stress off knowing you only need one of those three matches. Our guys did a good job and won those last three matches on the last hole."

Duke nipped second-seeded California, 3-2, in the other semifinal. Brinson Paolini put Duke on the board early with a 6 and 5 victory before Cal's Max Homa evened the match after a 4 and 3 triumph. The two teams would also trade the next two matches with the Blue Devils' Austin Cody and the Bears' Brandon Hagy each winning 2 and 1. California's Keelan Kilpatrick led most of the final match before Duke's Tim Gornik birdied the match's 18th hole to force a playoff. Gornik would drain a 35-foot putt for birdie on the first playoff hole to win the match.

"Going in our guys knew the golf course was the main attraction," said Duke Coach Jamie Green. "You've got to focus all your attention on these holes and on each shot. It's a pretty special place. That being said, you do have an opponent out there and Cal is truly one of the best teams in the country. They're very strong from top to bottom. You weren't going to win any points by accident. You had to play really well and luckily our guys did that on enough holes."

Final-round matches will begin Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. ET.

- Results Follow -

Callaway Collegiate Match Play Championship
Third Round Results
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Team Results

Championship Bracket

Semifinals

- (1) Arkansas def. (5) Chattanooga, 5-0
(3) Duke def. (2) California, 3-2

Fifth-Place Bracket

- (9) East Carolina def. (4) Oklahoma State, 3.5-1.5
(6) Indiana def. (10) Tennessee, 3 and 2

Consolation Bracket

- (8) Iowa def. (13) Colorado State, 3-2
(7) Liberty def. (14) Arizona State, 4-1
(16) Washington State def. (12) South Florida, 3-2
(15) UNCW def. (11) Kennesaw State, 4.5-0.5

Individual Match Results

Championship Bracket

- (1) Arkansas def. (5) Chattanooga, 5-0**
Ethan Tracy, UA def. Stephan Jaeger, Chatt, 1-up
Sebastian Cappelen, UA def. Steven Fox, Chatt, 4 and 3
Austin Cook, UA def. Benjamain Weilguni, Chatt, 4 and 2
Kolton Crawford, UA def. Liam Johnston, Chatt, 1-up
Thomas Sorensen, UA def. Chris Robb, Chatt, 1-up

(3) Duke def. (2) California, 3-2

- Max Homa, Cal def. Julian Suri, Duke, 4 and 3
Brinson Paolini, Duke def. Michael Kim, Cal, 6 and 5
Austin Cody, Duke def. Joel Stalter, Cal, 2 and 1
Brandon Hagy, Cal def. Yaroslav Merkulov, Duke, 2 and 1
Tim Gornik, Duke def. Keelan Kilpatrick, Cal, 19 holes

Fifth-Place Bracket

- (9) East Carolina def. (4) Oklahoma State, 3.5-1.5**
Harold Varner, ECU def. Talor Gooch, OSU, 4 and 2
Adam Stephenson, ECU def. Sean Einhaus, OSU, 4 and 3
David Watkins, ECU halved Brad Gehl, OSU
Ryan Eibner, ECU def. Patrick Winther, OSU, 2 and 1
Tanner Kesterson, OSU def. Eric Brady, ECU, 2-up

(6) Indiana def. (10) Tennessee, 3 and 2

- Chase Wright, IU def. Garrick Porteous, UT, 4 and 3
Jay Vandeventer, UT def. David Mills, IU, 1-up
Brant Peaper, IU def. Brandon Rodgers, UT, 3 and 2
Rick Lamb, Tennessee def. Corey Ziedonis, IU, 2 and 1
David Erdy, IU def. Marshall Talkington, UT, 3 and 2

Consolation Bracket

- (8) Iowa def. (13) Colorado State, 3-2**
Barrett Kelpin, Iowa def. Zahkai Brown, CSU, 1-up
Steven Ihm, Iowa def. Kirby Pettitt, CSU, 1-up
Chris Brant, Iowa def. Cameron Harrell, CSU, 2-up
Mike Wuertz, CSU def. Ian Vandersee, Iowa, 2 and 1
Parker Edens, CSU def. Brian Bullington, Iowa, 2 and 1

(7) Liberty def. (14) Arizona State, 4-1

- Robert Karlsson, Liberty def. Spencer Fletcher, ASU, 8 and 6
Ian McConnell, Liberty def. Mathias Schjoelberg, ASU, 2 and 1
Chase Marinell, Liberty def. Stan Gautier, ASU, 6 and 5
Austin Quick, ASU def. Max McKay, Liberty, 3 and 1
Niklas Lindstrom, Liberty def. Cameron Palmer, ASU, 5 and 4

(16) Washington State def. (12) South Florida, 3-2

- Sang Lee, WSU def. Trey Valentine, USF, 3 and 2
Branden Collins, USF def. Trent Sanders, WSU, 4 and 2
Devin Hernandez, USF def. Hank Frame, WSU, 1-up
Michael Anderson, WSU def. Rick Kittelstad, USF, 4 and 2
Kent Hagen, WSU def. Bodi Karsono, USF, 2-up

(15) UNCW def. (11) Kennesaw State, 4.5-0.5

- Thomas Bass, UNCW def. Matt Nagy, KSU, 4 and 3
Payne McLeod, UNCW def. Jeff Karlsson, KSU, 5 and 4
Ryan Nagy, UNCW halved Jimmy Beck, KSU
Stefan Brewer, UNCW def. Ben Greene, KSU, 1-up
Patrick Sawrey, UNCW def. Peder Hermansson, KSU, 5 and 4