

On Their Turf: Matt Haverkamp Interview with James Davis – August 2026

The Coach Can Line You Up. You Still Have to Take the Shot.

In an *On Their Turf* podcast conversation, TBGA Founder James Davis shares what blind golf has taught him about independence, accepting help, and taking responsibility for the part that remains his.

One of the lessons James Davis learned after losing his sight was how to navigate a world designed primarily for sighted people. Playing golf as a blind person continues to reinforce those lessons.

For James, independence does not mean doing everything alone. It means understanding what help is needed, being willing to ask for it, and recognizing what still belongs to you.

A coach can help position a golfer, describe what lies ahead, and provide warnings about obstacles along the way. But the coach cannot take the shot. The golfer must swing the club and accept the result.

That balance between receiving help and maintaining personal responsibility extends far beyond the golf course.

James lost his sight at age 55 and found golf at 76. The game has given him opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, experience the excitement of a successful shot, practice patience through disappointment, and build lasting friendships.

For James, golf is not primarily about competition. It is about having fun, enjoying the experience, developing confidence, and sharing the course with others.

Recorded at Hillandale Golf Course, this *On Their Turf* conversation explores independence, community, accepting help, putting in the work, and supporting someone without taking the shot for them.

Listen to James Davis's story and discover why, at the Triangle Blind Golfers Association, **You Don't Have to See It to Hit It.**

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