

# TGL Presented By SoFi: New York Golf Club vs. Atlanta Drive GC

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**New York Golf Club**  
**Xander Schauffele**  
**Matt Fitzpatrick**  
**Cameron Young**  
Press Conference

New York Golf Club 4, Atlanta Drive GC

THE MODERATOR: Talk about a little bit of the differences that you saw from last year compared to today.

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah, we were just talking about it out there. I think generally a lot of the holes seemed to be playing more difficult. They're longer. It's harder to hit the fairway. Then when it comes to the green, the grain all being kind of toward the green is helpful, but at the same time, the green still has big slopes on it, and we're still learning those and learning the holes.

I think overall it's playing a bit more difficult, and I think you all saw that the first eight, nine holes today.

**Q. How much do you guys enjoy playing these real-life Golden Tee-style holes? Obviously they changed a few this year and they look a lot of fun to us watching.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I guess I had the honor of hitting a lot of the fun tee shots. I don't think they expected that stinger hole to go that way, but I would imagine it was rather entertaining. It was cool to see our teammate Cam hit like a 50-yard hook into a screen. That was pretty cool.

I think it's a little interesting. The tree in the middle of the hole, that's kind of fun for us to flight shots in a certain way.

**Q. Did you feel like you had to launch it lower?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Or higher. I think both of us went over the tree, so clearly I need to come back and hit my driver a little lower. Maybe we'll get some pointers from



Fitzy.

**Q. Question on the hammer usage late in the match. I sensed maybe a little bit of confusion back and forth. I understand it's a split-second decision you guys have to make. Who is in charge of making that call? Do you guys walk through different scenarios? How did that play out toward the end of the match?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: All of us are in charge of that. Our big bogey was we didn't have the flag on us to even throw the hammer.

But I thought just to get the match -- Cam and Fitzy played great. I dragged them -- they dragged me along for the first however many holes on the front nine, and then I thought we strung together a few nice holes. I would have been stoked if someone said you guys are going to be tied going into the last hole with an even chance to win.

Yeah, I think the hammer is on all of us, and most importantly we just need to make sure we have it on us when we're up there on the green.

**Q. Xander, both times Billy hit those putts, you were the one to follow. Was it an uncanny flashback? It was such a similar situation.**

MATT FITZPATRICK: We need to change the order then. If he's the one that keeps missing --

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it's true. It's true. I think the exact same thing happened. History happened to repeat itself tonight. I think Fitzy is planning to change the order. Maybe he can dunk on someone else.

**Q. When you saw it go in, was it like, here we go again?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Luckily, I have sort of short-term memory when it comes to certain things. My mind was more like, all right, I need to make this putt. I thought I was going to have a putt to win, not to tie. That's poor thinking on my part.



Once I saw Billy's ball tracking, he almost made a 50-footer earlier, like a few holes before on the par-3. The guy is really good at this stuff. Kudos to him. That was a hell of a putt.

**Q. On the stinger hole with the big rock that kind of overhangs, I saw both you guys had problems with that. Do you think driver is the right answer for that? Do you think we're going to switch it up a little? What do you think?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I mean, we've all hit it.

MATT FITZPATRICK: Yeah, I think driver is the answer. Yeah. Without stating the obvious, yeah. I don't know what the carry is with an iron and stuff --

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: 90, 200.

CAMERON YOUNG: I think driver is the only answer there.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, Fitzzy launched one 1.1 in practice, I launched one two degrees. Cam tried to hook it around the rock. Weird.

We all had good fun. Last night Billy and I were in here, Billy hit driver off the deck and we were both under it easily, so we were both a little surprised when both our shots smoked the rock.

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