

TGL Playoff Finals

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Los Angeles GC 9, Jupiter Links GC 2

THE MODERATOR: TGL 2026 SoFi Cup champions, Los Angeles Golf Club, 9-2 victory in the finals here in match 2.

I'm going to start with Sahith. You said outside it's great to win a trophy no matter what kind of trophy it is but it's even more special with a team. Talk a little bit about that if you don't mind.

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, golf is such a tough sport. Even I've got two of the most successful English golfers that are going to go down in history as some of the best players in golf. They've raised quite a few trophies, but I think they can also agree that it's just a brutal sport where you don't win a lot. You have a great week, you finish third or fourth. You played great to do that, but then you still lost to a guy or two.

It's just a sport where you're not on top a lot, so got to savor every moment of being on top, and just so elated to do it with these guys. These guys are family now. It's so, so special to do it as a team. I'm just so excited for us to celebrate this, and I'm already looking forward to next year.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Suddenly we get your dad now to spoil us now, as well.

SAHITH THEEGALA: He's got to come around more. He'll be here for sure.

Q. How would you three rate your performance both



tonight and last night, and if it was not your best stuff, what does it say about you three to be able to overcome it and get the win, obviously?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, we were just talking out there actually, and we were asked to talk about what word we would use to describe the team, and everyone had one differently. I don't know whether it's resilient or adaptable, but I feel like we've won a lot of different ways, and I think that's been the big difference in our team this year versus last year.

We were kind of great last year all through the regular season and then the first hurdle came and we fell at it. But we've had a lot of hurdles this season. We've been down in matches, had to fight back. We were down early in the match today, didn't panic, and that's through good messaging and trusting our process and trusting all the work we've put in as a team and trusting each other, like Sahith talked about a lot.

Yeah, I think last night we didn't have our best stuff. I don't think maybe anybody did in that match, but I think that match could have gone either way for sure, and we felt lucky to come out of last night with a 1-0 lead coming into today.

But what I would say is these boys stepped up at the end. When the hammers are being thrown around and when there's a little bit more on the line, there were some great shots hit. Tommy obviously kept us in the game. If Tommy doesn't hit that shot with three points down, we can't win and the match is over. Then obviously Sahith didn't have his greatest night off the tee, but then bang, in the moment, most important, hit the shot.

Like today, as well. I think an early hammer putt you nailed from seven feet straight up the hill. We were just kind of clutch in the big moments today.

It was weird the way the match went, but we just owned those big moments. When the hammers were thrown at us, we stepped up and hit good shots.

Q. Were you guys surprised that they accepted that

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hammer at the end there, because Max made reference to it was a mistake on his part. Second, Justin, I wanted to ask you about -- I saw the content on your British Masters trophy. That was pretty touching, about your dad. I was lucky enough to be part of the team that presented you with the wicker in 2013 at Marion, and I wanted to know if you got a replica of this, where would it go on the shelf?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, a lot of questions there. I can't even remember where the hammers were, to be honest with you. My mind is spinning and scrambling where --

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, that last hole was all Sahith, so you can take it if you want. You can answer that one.

SAHITH THEEGALA: Well, I forgot, was it the last match of the regular season where you had a great hammer throw at the end there?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I messed one up yesterday.

SAHITH THEEGALA: It was against Atlanta. It was in the semis. Tommy had a great one. Didn't even mess it up yesterday; it was kind of a -- it's tough to get the hammer strategy right in the moment sometimes because he's hitting a shot and he's so locked in on the putt yesterday, it was on 14, where we could have thrown a hammer there. But it's tough.

But today I figured we had two hammers in our pocket and it probably wasn't going to matter in singles anyway.

I did think they kind of had to accept it. Even if they decline it, they're down six with five to play so they'd have to run the tables.

I mean, I guess mathematically you should decline the hammer, but I think in the moment if you're trying to win, I think you've got to accept that and hope --

JUSTIN ROSE: Is the hammer that Max was talking about the one where we were in the bunker on the par-5 and they hammered us?

SAHITH THEEGALA: No, when we were on the green to make it from two to three. I figured even if they decline it, we're up six. We weren't going to use our hammers anyway, so figured I'd throw it there. I actually think they were going to accept it.

Q. You guys were up 6-2 at the time, so if they had declined it would be just a one-pointer, right?

SAHITH THEEGALA: No, it would have been two points.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: No, because we threw it on them so we were going -- yeah, we were putting ourselves out of sight, in a way. But I didn't think of -- because Sahith is like, throw it on them because then would be worth three. I was like, well, I thought just let Justin play because we're going to put the match out of reach anyway, and I was like, let's not interfere with it. But then he was right, so like I say, I had it all messed up.

JUSTIN ROSE: That takes some clear thinking. That's why you need a team. My head -- I can't even remember the hammers and where they happened, so clearly I'm not the best at that. I do let them crack on with the hammers. I'm too busy rehearsing my swing in the corner and trying to get ready to play my next shot.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I'm telling them to leave Justin alone.

JUSTIN ROSE: I was very touched this last week, I was back home and a couple friends of mine, they'd heard about a trophy that came online for auction, and they kind of snagged it and they presented it to me, and it was obviously -- it's a tournament that I've talked about. It was the British Masters in 2002 and a tournament that was very special to me. It was the only one my dad ever saw me win in person and physically touched that trophy, so it was kind of nice to have that physical trophy to kind of go with the photographs and the memories I've talked about.

Yeah, listen, like Sahith said, we don't win a lot. If there's a chance to put a trophy in the trophy cabinet, man, you're putting it front and center. The only thing I've ever said about a trophy cabinet is you need to leave a space for the next one. We don't know when it's going to happen in the game of golf, but for now, that will sit proud. Hopefully we get a replica. It might need to go near a plug socket. Looks like there's some cool stuff going on with it.

Q. Tommy, over the last we'll call it seven months, FedExCup, Ryder Cup, SoFi Cup. Hell of a run. Anything to say to all that?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, a couple of those I just relied on my teammates, I feel like. I said tonight, I feel like I just putted around tonight a little bit tonight, and those guys took care of everything.

Like they say, you don't get to win a lot. So it's just great to -- first of all, win trophies. I've actually said this. My thing -- trophies are great. I'm more about the moments in a way. Like that trophy is amazing to look -- we've won that trophy. My best feeling about the whole thing is the winning moment with the boys. Like that's what I'll

remember and that's what I'll take from it and all the practice that we did together and all the process things and all the work that we put into it. That's the biggest thing I'll take away from it, which is the same in all the others, but winning as a team is great, and just happy to be a part of it and be with the boys.

Q. Can you walk us through your putt on 9 from reading it to executing it?

SAHITH THEEGALA: I assume was that the one kind of dripping over the edge there? Yeah, I think these guys had a great beat on it. It was kind of a feeler putt, and Tommy had mentioned that he hit the putt and it broke more than he thought, so if anything, that gave me confidence to kind of send it out there. I forgot who I asked. It might have been Tommy again. But I was just like, I've just got to drip it, right? It's not going to be short.

Just having that reassurance let me just kind of drip it and feel it and not worry about the speed at all. I knew it was going to get there.

Had a great beat on it, and to see that one go in was definitely a little bit of a bonus, but it was nice to hit a good putt, especially when it mattered big time. To win two points on a hammer that wasn't even ours was really nice.

Rosey hit a great shot in there to set us up, but yeah, it definitely felt like -- I guess that was the start of three eagles in a row, which we didn't even notice. But it was nice to get that momentum shift.

JUSTIN ROSE: We actually loved that hammer because we purposely hit it in that bunker.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Do you know what; I think that's a story in itself, and I think when you talk about, like, being proud of us as a team, we were practicing this morning, we get on that hole and Justin said -- that hole was shorter today than it was last night, and Justin said -- it was my tee shot. He was like, hit one as far as you can and go in the bunker because I think the bunker might be all right. It's a long bunker. Anyway, practice on that hole for a little bit, took a lot of yardage off it.

I didn't mean to hit it in it. I was actually trying to hit a good one that might be strong left of it, but as soon as we hit it in it, we knew it was fine, and then the hammer comes and it was like, all the work that we did in that moment all of a sudden just pays off and it's like little things like that, I just think -- I've always felt like this team does that little bit extra, and I love that about us, and a moment like that is the stuff that people wouldn't see, and we were so excited about that we actually got to showcase the work that we'd

done, and then it pays off.

That was really cool.

Q. Sahith, when it comes to mentally resetting, not letting the results of previous holes linger moving forward, what is that relationship, maybe progression look like for you throughout your career?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, you know, I haven't been shy about it. I'm not exactly an A-to-B golfer. These guys are so, so consistent, but my whole life I've kind of made my own path, and I'm very used to hitting bad shots. I feel like one of the best parts of my game is rebounding from those bad shots. I just kind of look at it as an opportunity to do something cool.

A lot of the times the coolest moments are when you're in trouble or in jail and you're able to escape it. I'm trying to be more disciplined. It's definitely something I'm working on.

Again, hopefully I grab some through osmosis from these guys. These guys are so consistent and so disciplined. But yeah, just, again, kind of having that mindset of hey, I've just been set up for success. I have this cool opportunity to hit a good shot and forget about the last shot.

We've all put in the work and we've put in countless hours, thousands and tens of hours swinging, and it's just a matter of executing and committing at that time.

I do have confidence in myself, but it helps a lot that these guys also have confidence in me.

Q. Did it add another special element to it that you were able to go up against one of the greatest champions ever, Tiger Woods, come back to play? I'm sure he would have wanted a different result, but to be able to just have that element, what did that mean to you guys?

JUSTIN ROSE: For sure. I think it was going to be a special night seeing him back. Special night for golf. He does bring so much to it. I was just looking at it curious like yeah, it would be great to see where he's at.

He looked impressive. I don't think he hit a bad shot. The only bad shot he hit was not a bad shot; it was just too good a shot almost with a wedge that went too far. But his fairway woods -- everything looked great.

So from a ball-striking point of view -- obviously the putting, missed a short one, that's the bit that kind of shows if you

haven't been competing, so that can hopefully change for him in the not-too-distant future. If he can obviously find some consistency in terms of competing, the short game and the putting and the touch will come back quick. He looked in a good spot, but he's a legend, isn't he, so to share the floor with him is awesome.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, it's Tiger Woods.

Q. There's one other teammate who's not here with you, Collin Morikawa. He's been as intense as any of you, loves this team. How close were you guys with Collin and how much have you grown to get to know him as part of this team, and how special was he to be a part of the trophy itself?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I actually spent a lot of time with Collin. I've always got on great with him. We've been close. I've enjoyed spending time with him and playing with him and practicing with him. Being on the team has been great.

For sure, we've missed him here. You would love Collin to be here, be around. But more importantly, feel bad for him as an individual compared to that he hasn't been able to be where he wants to be in the last couple of weeks and play THE PLAYERS and stuff.

Part of our motivation was winning for him as well. It was great FaceTiming him then and seeing him and seeing how happy he was because he was as into it as anyone was, and he's an intense little man collar when he gets going. It's been great. Honestly, it's been great being a part of a team with him. Looking forward to catching up. Looking forward to seeing him again playing competitively individually and looking forward to chatting about this and sharing it with him, as well.

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