

TGL Playoff Finals

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THE MODERATOR: We'd like to welcome Alexis Ohanian into the TGL media center, primary owner of Los Angeles Golf Club. Congratulations on being the 2026 champions and winning the SoFi Cup. You were the first owner of a TGL team. You believed in TGL from the beginning. What does this title mean to you?

ALEXIS OHANIAN: Look, this is a special kind of feeling, and I still remember the phone call Tiger gave me when he said, hey, I've got this league I'm starting. I know you invest. I know you do a lot in -- at this time it was just women's sports, starting Angel City. But he said, I want you to take a look at this. I think it can change the game of golf, and I care a lot about it. Obviously you get a call like that from Tiger and you take the meeting.

But I went into it skeptically. Within about 10 minutes of talking to the team behind it, Mike, Joey, et cetera, my first question was actually how soon can I get a women's team. Like this men's golf thing is cool, but I really want a women's team.

Then they were like, in time, in time, as soon as we can. But another 10 minutes into the pitch, and for a guy who never grew up watching golf, playing golf -- golf wasn't even on my radar. The concept of being able to see the best to do it in a couple-hour time slot in primetime in front of a raucous crowd, like as an NFL fan, as a football fan growing up, this resonated with me.

To see this come to life in spite of the elements, in spite of all the things that happen when you're starting to build something new and hard and ambitious, to see the success that this league has had has been incredibly, incredibly motivating for us, and it's such a privilege to sit



here as a championship owner.

While we're at it, we should make some news too. I know Arthur beat me to the punch, and he did technically have the first WTGL team. I love Arthur. I don't mind coming second in this case.

But I'm really excited to announce we now have a Los Angeles WTGL team. We signed it earlier today. This has been a long time coming, and I feel -- obviously my journey in sports basically started when I stepped away from Reddit about six years ago, and I've been so floored by how deeply satisfying it has been both for me personally as well as professionally, and obviously it started with starting Angel City, the women's soccer team in the WBSL, and then LA Golf Club, and now I can say LA Golf Club Women, and I just consider this another jewel in the Los Angeles sports team crown, and then obviously the League One Volleyball with women's volleyball.

To see this stuff start to compound has been just awesome.

The thing that excited me in that first pitch meeting when this was all just vague idea was this idea of seeing women playing this sport that historically -- I think a lot of folks didn't think was a place for women to play. What's so compelling to me, especially because I've got an eight-year-old daughter now who was gifted a set of clubs by Uncle Tiger about three years ago -- I take her for practice every Sunday. I still don't play golf. I'm still terrible at it. But every Sunday I take Olympia, and so here's this little Black girl who's gone to a golf course here in South Florida every Sunday for a few years now. She genuinely thinks that golf is a sport for girls.

When she goes off with her pro to go practice on the course, I stay on the driving range. It was probably a year into it that I realized she thought all the old white guys on the driving range were just waiting for their daughters.

That's a perception shift that is so powerful because what we've seen, and obviously my wife is a great example of that, you can take sports like tennis that maybe historically don't feel the most accessible, and all it takes is a couple of



generational talents on a big enough stage to change the entire perception of the sport.

I think golf is one of those sports that is so on the precipice. You can see it online. You can see the creator economy telling the story of this sport. This format of TGL is so perfect for the online generation. Again, I say this as a Reddit guy. Take my word for it. It is perfectly build for the social media age.

I can't wait to see what happens with WTGL, and I obviously can't wait for the women. They've got a tough act to follow; the lads obviously did an amazing job shutting the door here this season, but we'd love to see some women's team banners up there very soon.

Q. Could you make a little bit more news and let us know who's on that team?

ALEXIS OHANIAN: I wish. If I knew, I would probably accidentally leak it anyway and then guys after would be, like, why did you leak -- I genuinely do not know. But one interesting through line is the great Michelle Wie has been -- she's been a part owner of the LA team for a minute now. But again, I can't speak to -- I genuinely don't know who's going to be on the roster on the women's side.

Q. I know you and your wife live here locally. What's it like to drive however close your house is to here and to win it, but you have LA on the jersey, and Jupiter is technically the home team, just that dichotomy?

ALEXIS OHANIAN: Look, we love Tiger. You may have caught my wife or I cheering a little bit for him, even though he still tonight was the enemy, but you can't not love Tiger Woods. It is a little ironic, but I'll tell you what, I actually was at -- you may have noticed -- y'all didn't care. I missed a match I guess it was a couple weeks ago and I actually watched it from our watch party in LA. It was great to see the community that the team has built there. There is a local community in Los Angeles. We've gone out of our way to build it through watch parties, events, golf outings.

It seems a little surreal to have a city team that doesn't actually play in the city, but I think TGL is sort of that, well, there's a great community in LA of folks who love this team. We want to keep growing it.

Look, the flight to get over to a Chelsea match or an Angel City match is not a short one, so it's just awesome to be able to go, let's call it, 15 minutes down the road and be able to see this, and it also means my daughter can stay up past her bedtime sometimes, and it's easy enough for us to be able to come out as a family.

Like I said, it's been a lot of fun. I get a lot of satisfaction from knowing that this had so many skeptics when we first announced, and believe me, I save all of those Tweets just because I love proving these people wrong. It's so deeply satisfying.

I knew it when Rosey hit that albatross. This was a few matches back. When you saw the reaction of these guys, because that entire shot was on a sim. But the reaction from all of that energy was something that felt so real, so special. He talked about it as his first albatross, so it didn't matter that it happened at the TGL arena versus on grass outside.

That for me was a tipping point that proved, there is a there there. It is golf but it is different. Again, it's uniquely built from first principles for this era, but as long as these guys give a damn about it, and you can see that energy isn't fake, that's real, there was a product here that I knew could be successful.

And again, you see this, like there's something deeply satisfying about being a part of a team. Outside of Ryder Cup and maybe a few other places, they don't get the chance. Credit to this team. They're amazing. Credit to Collin. And sorry, I forgot to shout out our team president Neal Hubman who's done an amazing job building the team, everyone there on the LAGC squad that's helped do all the work to make this amazing. My partner Katelin and the entire team back at Seven Seven Six, I just get to show up here and do the press because I signed my name on a piece of paper, but there's obviously a whole team of people that make the team work, and then obviously the guys who actually play golf.

Q. As an owner besides investing in it, what are the responsibilities you personally feel you need to take on to just continue to grow the team and the brand?

ALEXIS OHANIAN: You know, one of the things Kayla Green, when we launched Angel City, was this idea of tying in local support with a team, building the community from day zero through philanthropy, and something we had from the very start of Angel City, that model we applied to LA Golf Club.

So Maggie Hathaway was a local course not too far from where Serena and Venus used to train, and it's a great nine-hole public course that we've actually partnered with, so revenues -- a percentage of the revenues every year that this team generates are reinvested in the community in Los Angeles to bring up a new generation of golfers.

I think for us, what was so compelling about the whole proposition of TGL and also one of the reasons why it was

so important to have this LA team is that, again, you have some amazing courses in Los Angeles, some beautiful, very exclusive places, and you have a sport of golf that just has this heartbeat now. That's why we say from the streets to the greens. There's a heartbeat now for the popularity of golf that's much more accessible, much more organic, and I want this team to represent something that shows that there is an access to this sport that can unlock so much in people's lives, especially folks who don't maybe necessarily feel like the world of golf had necessarily belonged to them early on, and obviously this is all Tiger Woods -- this is the ripple effect of what that guy did when he changed the world, and to carry a little bit of that with Los Angeles is just -- it's so humbling, and it's just awesome.

This is the kind of legacy work, this is the stuff I want my kids to see my building. This is a big part of why stepping away from Reddit when I did the way I did was hard but also very easy because I knew if I could align work that I was really proud of, finding the business success would probably come naturally.

So it's been incredibly satisfying to now see that, and the sport of golf was so ripe for it especially in the internet age. There's going to be, I hope, someone who gets into the sport of golf at Maggie Hathaway and then 10, 15, 20 years from now when they've got their tour card, you'd better believe I'm re-tweeting that post when they say that, hey, this course actually helped get me into this sport, and every fan of LA Golf Club can say that they had a part in growing the game, and it's just -- this is the stuff -- we're in legacy building mode, and this is the stuff that just gets me fired up.

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