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## Megan Khang

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THE MODERATOR: All right, welcome the media center at the 2025 FM Championship. I'm joined by FM ambassador and LPGA Tour winner Megan Khang. First off, very big week for you. Can you describe what this week means to you?

MEGAN KHANG: You know, being back in my home state, not too far from where I live, it's always a great feeling. It's nice to have the girls see the best parts of Massachusetts, and FM does a great job putting on a fantastic tournament for us to all enjoy the week and truly get to see the greater Boston area.

**Q. When you look at this tournament and the player experience here, what stands out to you the most about what FM does?**

MEGAN KHANG: You know, back when FM was in the works of making this event happen, they kind of asked me a few questions of what makes a tournament stand out to the players. I gave them a pretty short list. I thought that -- I said it was be great if they could maybe check a couple of these boxes off whether it's accommodation, a discount on accommodation, car rentals, help transportation-wise, flights.

They went above and beyond. They took everything I gave them and said, Done; we'll do it all. I was pretty thrown off by that because they wanted -- again, they want this tournament to be a fixture in the schedule where the girls don't want to miss it, and I think they're doing a fantastic job.

They've added on a welcome dinner at the hotel for the girls for those playing late tee times Thursday or Friday. Last year was one dinner and this year it's two nights of dinner. I went to the dinner last year and they shelled out quite a menu. I think mini lobster rolls, some steaks, an awesome dessert. So it goes from them not only giving a discount to hotels, but they're absolutely giving complimentary hotel rooms. I was told they're giving a \$250 credit for laundry as well. The top 30 girls get to ride in some pretty nice BMWs this week.

Everything they're doing from just the quote/unquote little things to making the purse as big as it is in the second year. They raised the purse the first year without even seeing us play. It's a true honor to be an FM ambassador, and makes me so happy to be a part of their team.

**Q. How does this championship reflect where the women's game is and where it could be going?**

MEGAN KHANG: I think it definitely sets the bar high for those incoming sponsors who want to partner with the LPGA. I think FM see the product the LPGA is and truly believe in us.

So I think it takes one to start a movement; I think FM is one of those people. I know a bunch of other tournaments are following their lead. It's great to be a part of something that's going to be bigger not only for us but the next generations to come.

**Q. Last year we had a couple of scholars in your group in the pro-am and you had two more this year. Just being from Massachusetts, the Ouimet Fund, just what was it like to have a couple in your group and seeing the bibs and having the tie back to Massachusetts golf?**

MEGAN KHANG: Yeah, Francis Ouimet is a big part of the Massachusetts history, and it's always cool when you get to have juniors or some college players be a part of the LPGA and a professional organization in general.

I think I got to chat with Mia today and she was asking me a couple questions about how I got into golf and the decision of turning pro or going to college.

I thought it was super cool she had enough courage to ask. I believe she's an incoming sophomore to a D3 college at Trinity, and I told her, it's great because she told me she was a late bloomer to golf. Didn't start until she was about 11 I believe she said.

I told her it's pretty cool. Golf is a sport where you can truly work your way up and it doesn't matter where you start, as



long as you put in the effort.

She told me her goal is to climb higher and go to a DI school. I was like, you got three more years and maybe even a fifth year that you can go and accomplish those dreams and goals. It's pretty cool to see the ways that just playing golf has brought me into other people's lives.

It's funny asking or having -- getting questions asked about my decisions that I felt like weren't too long ago but quite a bit -- a while back now.

She asked me how old I was and I'm like, oh, I'm 27. She was very nice about it though when I said my age. It was really cool to see that side of the Francis Ouimet and the organization you guys do to help pursue juniors going into college and those who are able to kind of like -- need a path to get experiences like this.

**Q. And also, just why is it important to you? A lot of the pros shake the hand and move on. You go out of your way to talk and listen to them and remember everything about Mia. Why is that important to you?**

MEGAN KHANG: It was really cool. I mean, I don't think it's too often you get a female caddie as well. I give her a lot of credit. Those bags looked heavy. I couldn't do it. For her to take the time out of her day to do this as well, I think not getting paid, I think they're just getting to experience -- so getting paid and experience.

And so, you know, it's getting to know the people around you. Obviously played with a great group with Malcolm and his friends. It's important for us to know those helping out and make this tournament possible as well.

**Q. Mom and dad out there with you today. Is that typical or special to being back here?**

MEGAN KHANG: They come out not as often anymore. They'll come out and make appearances at the majors. It's pretty nice. My mom's birthday's is this coming Tuesday and unfortunately she does go back to school. She's a kindergarten teacher. It's nice to get this last week before the school season -- the school year, sorry, not season, the school year starts for her.

My dad loves seeing everyone's faces. He's kind of over traveling super far for tournaments, but I think three or four times a year for him is pretty good. It's really good to see everyone just come out. I have to remind my dad, everyone is here to work. Can't distract them too much.

But he loves being around here because obviously we're very proud to be here.

**Q. How much is the vibe different being here and having the home crowd? Are you expecting a lot of family and friends from back in the day?**

MEGAN KHANG: It's super exciting. A lot of my younger cousins have picked up golf in more recent years, and it's really cool to see them plan to come out, and hopefully I'll give them a good show to watch.

But friends, family, it's nice to have an event where it's not going to be too far for them to travel and they can still go back home. One of my closest friends who lives here recently had a baby so I don't expect to see her. Knowing her she's probably going to try.

I think the weather will be great, so whether it's family and friends, new fans, everyone is going to have a great time here.

**Q. Are you doing any home cooking?**

MEGAN KHANG: Actually, no. I haven't been able to do any home cooking lately, but I am sure throughout the week I will make some time. Tomorrow I have an afternoon tee times so I'll make am breakfast at home.

**Q. What would you mean to win this one being so close to home?**

MEGAN KHANG: Yeah, it would mean the world to me. I think obviously you love to win the majors out on Tour, but at the same time, I think if I could pick any event to win on the schedule that's not a major, it's definitely going to be this one.

Obviously Brooke Henderson winning in Canada last week, you know, I was there to celebrate her win. She sent me a very nice text saying hopefully have a very good week here, and I would love to follow in her footsteps last week to win in my home state.

I'm not trying to put more pressure on myself, but it's there in the back of your mind. It's always going to be there until that job is done.

**Q. You mentioned the accommodations that FM is doing and describe it as going above and beyond. Is it your hope that this now sort of sets a standard for other non-major tournaments to be like, well, they're doing this so now we have to up our game as well?**

MEGAN KHANG: Yeah, I would love that. I think FM going up in the purse in general, that's the main goal as of right now. The girls, we're very appreciative for any



sponsors to kind of do the same. I think Liberty National does the same with the accommodations at the Conrad. Utah did the same as well and they're a new event, the Black Desert. It was cool. We were on site there.

I think as the Tour grows and becomes bigger it's such a great investment where tournaments are going to want to do that, because, again, you want it to be such a prestigious event and have players who want to come and who don't want to miss it.

I think it's incredible that tournaments and sponsors are taking notice of that and that everyone else is going above and beyond as well to try to keep up to make sure they are a prestigious event as well.

**Q. When you look at the sports landscape you just mentioned about growing the LPGA, and you look at how women's sports seems to be gathering momentum, do you have thoughts or ideas about what the LPGA or women's golf in general can do to grow and even grow faster and get more of the spotlight?**

MEGAN KHANG: You know, I think the LPGA does a great job interacting with the younger generations. Obviously our new commissioner, Craig Kessler, coming in, it's very exciting to see what he has planned for the LPGA. I know he has great plans for us. As a tour we definitely trust him and the direction he's going.

I think the best way to kind of get the Tour the exposure is you got to come see it firsthand. I think we do such a great job in in-person interactions. Sometimes we're not as fortunate to get the coverage that I think we deserve, but if you come out, come to and LPGA event, you're going to get the girls signing autographs until the last one is done; you're going to get some interaction with the fans of having a good banter here and there.

And, you know, it means a lot to us that you guys all come out even for pro-ams. Our volunteers mean the most of us. We wouldn't be here without our sponsors, volunteers, and obviously fans.

So with the LPGA, we very much pride ourselves in a personal experience, and the interactions we get to make with junior golfers or even the local community. If you haven't been to an LPGA event, definitely come. It's definitely worth it. I promise. If not, I'll have words with that player that caused it.

No, I think it's definitely headed in a great direction with sponsors like FM really incorporating their beliefs and values into the LPGA. We align ourselves with the companies that want the best for not only themselves but

us. It's going to speak volumes, and I think -- I know the LPGA is such a great product we just have to get in the right limelight to really exude that.

**Q. Not that the sport needs it, but would a Caitlin Clark type pro help or is it really just that would be gravy and it's really about the product speaking for itself?**

MEGAN KHANG: It's hard because obviously we play an individual sport. I mean, you have so much great talent from all sorts of countries all over the world. I think that's the great part about our Tour. It's truly a global Tour. You have players from the KLPGA coming over, Japan LPGA coming over. You have Chisato and Akie Iwai, twin sisters who have won already on Tour. If people got to know the players on this Tour it's so cool, because you can definitely find one or two players you can relate to.

I am from Massachusetts. I haven't moved. I get that question a lot. But I truly love being here in the winter. There are little things that if you got to know the players a little more you could really understand. You know, obviously being a lot of tournaments in Mass -- not Massachusetts, in the United States, it's obviously great to travel cross country, but it's also very cool we have an Asia Swing at the beginning of the year in Thailand, Singapore, and Hainan China, and then you have the end of the season where I think it's a great time where we have the International Crown. We've added an additional team of those players that don't have enough players to represent a country.

So for the first time I think Lydia Ko is playing. Lydia has been such a fixture on the LPGA. And Lexi playing a limited schedule and still coming to play events, I think it's -- it would be great to have a Caitlin Clark, but there are so many hidden Caitlin Clarks that the fans don't know about.

**Q. You have such an outgoing personality and give long, thoughtful answers. Do you ever encourage your fellow players to not necessarily be more like you, but be out there more?**

MEGAN KHANG: I think yes and no. Everyone has their own personalities. Again, the great thing about golf is that there is not going to be a ton of -- everyone is their own person out here. Obviously it's a little easier to be outgoing for me. I think it's hard for me to be quiet.

Again, it's like vice versa. It's hard for some introverted players to be a little more extroverted, and I think that's okay. Everyone has a routine about how they go about things. Sometimes it's a little harder, but at the same time, I think it's great that they do try.



I think sometimes there is little grace just because not everyone is going to be the most outgoing. That's what's great about golf, you can let your game show for you.

But as a Tour, I do think there needs to be a little more outgoingness. At the same time, I can respect those who are able to stick in their own bubble because that's made them who they are and why they're great. It's so hard because there are so many different personalities out here.

**Q. How much has Brockton and Massachusetts meant in your golf journey?**

MEGAN KHANG: It's super cool. I tell people I'm born in Brockton, and it's always like a surprised look on their face. My mom still teaches in Brockton. I was born in the Good Samaritan Hospital. I remember when I first moved to Rockland my friend had her license and we drove through Brockton. For those who don't know, Brockton doesn't necessarily have the warmest reputation. It's a little rough around the edges. Their nickname is the City of Champions and it's such a cool place to come from.

I always say I'm born in the City of champions, so it's great to get the first win in Canada two years ago so I can finally say I am a champion. Would love to win again this year, but taking it day by day.

It's really cool because obviously there are not that many players that come from Massachusetts in general. To be one of the few that have made it out here and continue to make it, it means a lot. I haven't moved. I love being here. I say home is where the heart is. I'll happily pay my taxes and be happy. I can't imagine moving somewhere and not really enjoying -- not not enjoying, but not loving it as much as I do love it up here.

It's definitely shaped me into who I am today.

**Q. I'm with FM and on behalf of our employees we want to here a little bit about your experience with the leadership academy yesterday, what that meant having it this week and what your experience was?**

MEGAN KHANG: That was super cool. I was told I was the first active LPGA player to be on the panel. It's thanks to you guys to give me the opportunity to do this. I was fortunate enough to talk to about 40 15-year-old girls, 15-year-old or so girls, and I'll tell you what, I thought it was incredible.

I thought that to be at that age and to be able to travel, learn more about the game of golf that they all love and to hopefully make an impact in a positive way meant a lot to me.

One of the questions I got yesterday was what's been the most inspirational thing I have done as a professional. I think they all thought I was joking, but I pretty much said that doing stuff like this, being able to speak to these girls, and hopefully make a positive impact, it definitely means the most to me.

When I come home my dad is always telling me, you're just Megan. Like you're still my daughter first. It's absolutely true. I kind of forget that I play professional golf in a sense and I can make a difference in the next generations. So when I get moments like those or opportunities like that it definitely means a lot to me, because I never would've thought that like 27-year-old Megan would be speaking publically about the ups and downs of life and how golf can correlate to life, and even though our parents are our toughest critics they're also our biggest supporters.

I joked with them that I was still trying to learn that myself. No, it's moments like that where we can see those generations up and coming, and I told them whether or not you use golf to pursue professionally, use in the work world, or even just for fun, it's such a good learning experience.

Golf just relates to life to much where if you hit a bad shot you just got to figure out how to get out of it. With life, it's never going to go your way. You can be in the middle of the fairway and end up in a divot. Two things you can do. You can buckle down and try to hit a good one or complain and possibly hit another bad one.

So moments like those where I can talk to another generation and hopefully try make a difference, it means a lot to me because sometimes I forget that I'm 27 and not just a kid anymore. I still feel like a kid, but when I'm talking to 15 year olds it kind of puts it in perspective.

**Q. Any last shoutout you want to give to FM employees who are going to be watching?**

MEGAN KHANG: I think it's super cool. You know, FM does a great job. Obviously you have the tent on the October 18th hole, but I've been told that the employee tent moved to 16. It's a great hole to be on. If you're an employee, please come out, bring your kids. I actually know an employee that my dad coaches copies his daughters, and it would be super cool to see them come out.

It's great to have a company like FM as a sponsor, but I think it's great to see the faces behind the company.

**Q. Our scholars become scholars because they work**



**in golf, caddies, pro shop, groundscrew. Curious, have you ever worked in golf growing up or was it strictly playing? If not, how do you think you would do as a caddie?**

MEGAN KHANG: I've never quite worked in golf. I remember I helped out like a friend's daughter, granddaughter. That's because my dad was giving her lessons. Once in a while I'll help my dad with his lessons, but I've never truly worked a quote/unquote real job I should say.

I don't know how you would do as a caddie. I did caddie for my dad in the Senior Open qualifier last year. I thought I did great. I thought I was fantastic. We didn't make it though so I don't know who to blame. He blames me; I blame him. So I don't know if that would be a good caddie characteristic for me.

I think if I were to do it I would give it my all. Probably be pretty positive. Being a player I know what I want from a caddie and how to caddie in a sense, but I definitely think I would enjoy being part of golf no matter what. Even after my career. I think there is something along the lines of golf is always going to be part of my life and I would love to stick with it after.

**Q. Ryder Cup picks came out. As a former Solheim Cup player, any thoughts, especially with Keegan being from this area as well?**

MEGAN KHANG: Yeah, Keegan being the captain and being from the New England area, I was kind of hoping to sneaky see him on the team. I understand why he decided not to be. I have seen Stacy Lewis, our precious captain and all the responsibilities she had. So I understand why he didn't pick himself, but a little bummed not to see him playing because I think he's playing fantastic golf right now.

I trust that he's picked the six guys he knows will put in the work and bring that Cup home. Yeah, definitely a little sad not to see him on the roster but know he's going to do a great job in the captaincy.

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