

TGL Presented By SoFi: Jupiter Links Golf Club vs Boston Common Golf

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Rory McIlroy

Keegan Bradley

Adam Scott

Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Both your first matches here at TGL. What was it like out there and your initial impressions of playing in front of the fans.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Yeah, this was our first match. We came a little earlier today, tried to get a feel for the place, but nothing quite like when you're under the gun for real. I was very nervous initially, settled in, but what a fun experience. What a match. They played really great.

We're bummed, but we're excited to get back in here on Tuesday.

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, very much the same. I think a very different experience playing inside here. Lots of little nuances. The music, the turf conditions, all these kind of things to adjust to under the pressure, and there was pressure. We were in a tight match, and the shots down the end really counted.

I think it was a fun match, but disappointing to come out on the wrong side.

Q. Keegan, speaking about being nervous, I heard you tell Rory you weren't this nervous since you played with him at the BMW --

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Yeah, I had about a four- or five-footer on the first hole to halve the hole, and my hands were shaking a little bit. It felt like a final hole of a tournament or something. It was just a lot.

Q. Why do you think, just because it's something you've never experienced? What do you think caused that?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Yeah, definitely that's part of it, but it doesn't matter what we do. When we face off against another opponent, we want to beat them. When we get here and we're playing against those three, we want to beat them.

Everything kicks into gear just like you were playing a regular tournament, and it was really fun. I had a blast.

Q. Rory, I by no means am a professional golfer, but even I'm not crazy enough to bank on Tiger Woods missing a seven-foot putt. What was the thought on throwing the hammer on 13?

RORY McILROY: He'd missed a few early on. He's getting a little older. His eyes might have been going. He struggles in this light. I thought it was a good opportunity if he missed to get two points when I think we had went one behind at that point.

He just knocked it in the left side. It wasn't like it was a dead center putt. But no, he stepped up and delivered like he usually does. It was a great match all night, back and forth, and exactly what the league needed.

Q. I know it's a team competition, but what is it like? You don't get a chance to face off against Tiger too often and certainly not going to be a lot more often. What was that like tonight?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, it's amazing. I don't think anyone can underestimate the impact that he's had on our game and the impact that he's had on all of us as professional golfers. Would TGL exist if Tiger wasn't around for 20 years? Probably not.

It's amazing to go up and to compete against one of your heroes. I've shared the course with him many times, and I've been in a couple of final groups with him, and he has just as much intensity out there tonight as he does when he's trying to win a major championship or trying to finish

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off a golf tournament.

He was feeling it out there, and it was really cool to see.

Q. Rory, I know the first night you saw on TV and the other three there was no drama at the end. Was this kind of what you envisioned when it came down to the last few holes and the overtime? Was that what you thought this league would be like?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, I think the nature of competition is you're going to have some matches that are blowouts and you're going to have some matches that are really tight. I think it was really cool that tonight was one of those matches that was really tight. I think the people in the arena seemed to enjoy it, and hopefully the people at home seemed to enjoy it, too.

But that doesn't mean that there's going to be other matches that mightn't be as close. It certainly helps from an entertainment perspective to have it that night, but that's something that we can't guarantee. This is competition, as well, at the end of the day, and we're all trying to beat each other as best as we can.

Q. Pace of play has been such a big topic lately, especially on TOUR. How did the shot clock feel for you guys tonight? Did you feel pressure? Did you feel rushed? Did you actually feel like it creates a better tempo?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I think it's a slight adjustment. Tiger got a time violation out there, so you've got to be careful.

But I think for this format, it's definitely creating a good tempo. I think it's about right, actually, after playing it, that you've got just enough time but you can't mess around much or you're going to be stressing getting over the shot and could lead to an error. I think it's really good.

Q. Keegan and Rory, since you guys both live locally, how have you seen this product be embraced by our community here, and now that you've played your first match, what can you say to those that have supported it and moving forward?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, honestly, I can't go anywhere without someone mentioning TGL to me, which is really cool. Whether I stop at Subculture for a coffee or walking through Whole Foods or whatever it is, everyone is coming up and saying congrats on TGL, watch it, enjoy it. That's really cool. It's cool that the local community have embraced it, and look, the local community here is just filled with golfers, so hopefully you would expect that.

I think it's been really cool to hear that a younger demographic, it's sort of resonated with them. That's a really cool thing. One of the visions when we started was to try to engage that younger demographic and give them a bite-sized version of golf that they could sort of get into and understand, and hopefully we've done that.

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