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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. How is it for you? Expectations is part of the sport, so how do you deal with this, with everything else that's going on around you and then in your country and in all of the travel? How is it for your mental state? How do you keep yourself sane and focused?

DIEGO SCHWARTZMAN: It's very difficult. I don't know if you understand a little bit of Spanish, but I said in a few questions, you know, before that it's been a very difficult year, very difficult two years for everyone.

Obviously I think the Latin American guys are suffering a little bit more. Not because how our countries are doing with the COVID, just because many times we cannot go back. You know, it's a big difference. Obviously the 70, 80% of the tour are from Europe or U.S. and different countries, and they have a lot of tournaments and they are in their homes for many weeks, and they can coming back after a bad week and we have to stay in the hotel, you know, watching the sky and nothing else. We are missing the family, friends, our food, our, you know, house.

Under this situation, it's very difficult. It's been a very difficult two years for many players. Not just tennis players, many different sports. Everyone in our works are suffering the same way. So we have to find a way on trying to stay focused.

I think after Roland Garros, talking about me, I start to feel very good again after Paris, and right now I'm happy. You know, obviously we are coming to U.S., and the tournaments are almost 100% people and 100% normal. So I think the happiness is coming back, and the normal life is coming back again. Maybe just here in U.S. with tennis, but we are seeing, you know, the light at the end.

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