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Jannik Sinner

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. You said quite a few times you're not playing for records; you're playing for your stories. What do you think people should take away from your story when you're achieving things like this?

JANNIK SINNER: Of course, before the tournament or before certain matches, you know what you play for. This is also kind of my job to know what's going on. But in the same time I always try to put myself in a very good position to be the best player of today.

There was definitely a lot of tension, a lot of tough moments I had to go through, especially mentally. Not starting the match in a perfect way, but tried to stay as calm as possible mentally.

Yes, I'm very happy about this achievement. I know what I played for today, so I'm really happy.

Q. How special is it for you to achieve the career golden Masters in Italy in front of your home crowd and President Mattarella?

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, there's no better place to complete this set. It has been a very, very interesting tournament already back in the years. 2019, making my debut here on this court. I always felt a lot of, like in a different way, a very positive but different way, a lot of attention, a lot of emotions going through. It means a lot.

I believe for an Italian, it's one of the most special places we play tennis in. To win at least once in my career means a lot to me.

Q. How will you switch to Roland Garros? Will you take some day off? How much confidence will you have there going to Paris?

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, no, the main priority is to recover



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as much as I can in the next two, three days. There is not going to be a lot of training, for sure. Tennis, zero. Physical, we need to see. I want to be a little bit with my family, as well, in this moment. Switching off on tennis, then from Thursday on I think I will be there in Paris. Prepare and we see how it goes.

Yeah, look, now it's important to rest.

Q. What is it like having the President here to watch you and hand you the trophy?

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, no, it means a lot. Look, it's amazing the support an Italian gets here, especially in Rome. Many important people were coming today.

I tried to don't look a lot outside of the court and trying to be as focused as I could. Yeah, but for sure they gave me very positive feelings.

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