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Carlos Alcaraz

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THE MODERATOR: By winning this match, it means you qualified for the semifinals and reached world No. 1. Can you describe how you feel right now.

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, it's a great achievement. It was the goal to end the year as No. 1. Yeah, after getting the win in this match and know that I got and achieved my goal of the year, it means a lot.

I think I've been playing great tennis. Excited about keep it going. I'm playing a semifinal here in the ATP Finals.

THE MODERATOR: First question for Carlos.

Q. Is this your best indoor season, not just concerning the result but the feelings that you have on court?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, I would say is difficult to say that is my best season on indoor courts because I just played Paris Bercy, and Paris Bercy I lost in the first round. Here it's still the semifinal. So let's see how it's going to be. I reached the semifinal here back in 2023 again, so I don't know.

I don't play too many indoors tournaments per year, which means that I don't get so much experience on playing in this surface.

But just feeling great after every match. Yeah, hopefully in the semifinal still keep feeling even better.

Q. On the same subject about your indoor season, you said this year you had a process to be sure that you will be in good health, in good form at this moment of the season. Can you go further and tell us what was the process? You had some rest at home?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: First of all, going back to your question, I forgot that I won Rotterdam, so... I forgot that



(smiling). I would say yeah, it's my best season indoor so far.

Coming at the end of the season, approaching the indoor string at the end of the season, for me it's always great having time at home preparing as much as I can or as good as I can these tournaments. It doesn't mean that I'm going to play well or not.

I'm just really happy that I came here with confident, knowing that I'm playing a great tennis. I had really good preparation before this tournament. It's always to get to know yourself, what you need on and off the court. I think approaching this time of the year, I think I've done it pretty well.

Q. In the immediate seconds after you secured the world No. 1, in the immediate seconds after you win a Grand Slam, in this season you did both, emotionally what is the greatest feeling?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, I would say it's different feelings. Winning Grand Slams is always a goal. End the year as No. 1, obviously it's always a goal as well.

Securing ending the year as No. 1 here, for example in this match, the tournament is not over, you have to play a semifinal. The tournament keeps going.

It's kind of different because always it's great, you can celebrate it with my team, with my close people that they are here. But right after you got to still focus on recover, on going as soon as bed as you can, just to be ready for the semifinal.

Comparing to winning a Grand Slam, the tournament is over, you can relax, you can do whatever you want after achieve one of the best things you can achieve on our sport, that is getting a Grand Slam.

I would say it's kind of a different feeling.

Q. My question is about Davis Cup, your opinion on this. Jannik will not play this year. We know Lorenzo will not play this year. You're going to play. Maybe in



the future because it's played every year, you will say the same. Do you think maybe switching the event and letting become something that you play maybe every two years or three years wouldn't be better for the Davis Cup? What is your opinion about this? Or are you okay playing it every season?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: If I am honest with you, I think the Davis Cup is one of those tournaments that you're not used to feel and play because you're playing for your country, you're playing with your teammates. It's totally different. I think it's one of the most privileged things you can do in our sport, representing your country.

I agree that they got to do something in this event, because I think playing every year, I mean, it is not as good as it might be if you're playing every two or three years. I think if the tournament is played like every two years or every three years, the players, the commitment of the players, it's going to be even more because it's unique, it's different. You're not able to play every year.

Yeah, I'm playing this year. I really want to win the Davis Cup one day because for me it's a really important, important tournament. Jannik has won it twice. I think Lorenzo once or twice, as well.

For me, I would say it's normal for them because the season has been so long. They might keep it to have one more week to recover, to do vacation, to do pre-season, which is understandable. It's normal.

But I would say they got to do something about it to make the Davis Cup unique.

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