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Alexander Zverev

Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Congrats on a really good match. Where do you think your overall game is at right now in general?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: It's good. Yeah, happy with the match. I think he's somebody that is difficult, especially for me. He beat me the last two times.

Definitely happy with kind of a straightforward win.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. How did you find the conditions out there? There has been talk that it's playing a bit quicker than previous years? And where do you stand on whether it should be quick?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: For me, I generally think the courts should be quicker (smiling), but that's just me personally. I think Indian Wells has always historically been quite slow. I think the ball change makes a difference, probably.

Yeah, I mean, to be honest, last couple days was quite windy, so it's tough to get a feel of the courts or the balls, but yeah, maybe it's a bit quicker than last year. Last year I thought it was the slowest it's ever been.

Q. One of the players, Raducanu, was talking about the possibility of playing without a coach or not always having a coach. Does that seem like a totally crazy idea to you? Obviously it's different for you, obviously with family members, but can you imagine what that would look like, just doing your own thing?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: I think Emma is a very special case. I love her, I really do, but I think Emma and coaching is quite a big difference between me and coaching.

I have been with the same coach for 28 years, so yeah, it's a bit of a different question, different subject with her

specifically.

I mean, she has a coach here, right, with Mark Petchey. It's up to her. I mean, I don't know. I have the same people around that I like to work with, so that's just me.

Q. Do you think you'd make a good coach?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: I'd be excellent (smiling).

Q. Following on that, do you feel like you could see a top male player going without a coach for a while, like Federer once did?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Federer? When?

Q. In the mid-aughts.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: He had Severin always. He had Severin and Ljubicic always.

Q. But he was doing a lot on his own for a period.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Yes and no. I don't think Roger ever did a lot on his own, to be honest, because he always has 20 people around him. So I think other people -- he didn't have a super coach, like he didn't have Edberg or Ljubicic like you saw later in his career, but he still had people who was helping him with tennis.

I'm pretty sure he wasn't calling the practice court desk and asking for a court at 10:00 a.m. the next day or a warmup time or something like that or picking up his own balls. I'm pretty sure that was not happening. I think there were still people who was helping him.

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