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Sebastian Korda

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THE MODERATOR: How are you feeling coming into your 2025 season?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Feeling pretty good. Love to come back here to Adelaide. Hopefully can get a lot of matches and get ready for Melbourne.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. How is the shoulder?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: My elbow. Right elbow surgery. All went pretty well. I think I spent the last two months just practicing and getting comfortable. Yeah, hopefully a big test coming up.

Q. You're feeling good?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, all is good.

Q. When you had the injury, you had that really good Washington and Cincinnati I think.

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Montreal.

Q. It must have been doubly frustrating to be injured and the timing of the injury.

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, it was definitely frustrating. I've had a few of those actually in my career. Yeah, it was frustrating. I was playing probably some of the best tennis I've played in a long time. Everything was feeling good. I got to the US Open and just all turned around from there.

Q. Mentally how do you cope with that? Four, five months out.

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, definitely pretty pissed off. You try to move on as fast as possible, surround yourself with good people, try to stay positive.

But yeah, I guess it's a long process. I guess it's one that every athlete goes through. Yeah, you just try to deal with it the best you can.

Q. Can I ask you about your first matches here. You've beaten both Spaniards. Will you watch their

match in person or just on TV? Does it not matter?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: No, I'll definitely watch. I love watching tennis. I watch every match imaginable I think every week.

Yeah, I'll watch a little bit at home. I won't go to the courts and watch. I think my coach will watch on-site, a few points. We'll do somewhat of a tactics and get ready for the match and play.

Q. How does it feel to be on court at the moment?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: It feels pretty good. Definitely my happy place to be on court. Especially here in Adelaide. Some good memories. Just happy to be back playing. I think it's a lot of fun.

Q. Obviously good memories here, you made a final. What do you think it will take to go that step further?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, I don't know. I'll see. First match in a long time. I'll see how I'm feeling. Hopefully I can play some good tennis.

Just hoping to play a good first match.

Q. American tennis, the men at the moment, is in great shape. What about being American right now as a tennis player makes you different from the rest?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: I think we're all pretty close. I think a lot of great, healthy competition. I think when one guy has a great result one week, another guy's backing it up the next week. We got a great group going on, especially with Davis Cup. We all get along really well. We practice with each other every week.

Yeah, I think a lot of great players right now on the American scene. Hopefully we can keep pushing each other, keep getting better and keep having some great results.

Q. You come from a big sporting family. Do you share advice, tips? You play different sports, but the mentality of a pro athlete. Anything you share amongst each other?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, it's different sports from tennis to golf. Both an individual sport, so there's some



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similarities, for sure.

You definitely go through some things throughout your career that my sisters can help me with or I can help my sisters with. I think that's a great thing to have. Both my parents have gone through everything I've gone through in my career. Just a lot of great people to have on your corner. Just a lot of support from my family. It's a lot of fun to share these moments with them.

Q. You went to the zoo the other day. You fed a pygmy hippo.

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah.

Q. Did you get close?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, I mean, my girlfriend and myself, we love going to zoos. It's kind of our thing. I think we went to Cleland two years ago. Now we went to the zoo. Pretty fun. Got the opportunity to feed a pygmy hippo and see some other animals, which is a lot of fun.

Q. Did you have a favorite?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, I was actually amazed by a pelican, the size of pelicans here. Double the size from where I'm from. Pretty crazy.

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