

Laver Cup

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Team Europe

Captain Yannick Noah

Vice Captain Tim Henman

Carlos Alcaraz

Alexander Zverev

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Flavio Cobolli

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Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: Commiserations, Team Europe.

Great performance and some unbelievable tennis over the past three days. Yannick, would you like to give us your reflections from the event?

CAPTAIN YANNICK NOAH: Well, it was a wonderful week, wonderful week. Great experience for me personally. Get to meet some wonderful people. Get to compete.

Of course, we wanted to come out winners, but we lost against a better team. They played great, and most of all, I think we represented the Laver Cup the best we could. It was a great, great level of tennis.

I look forward for the next year, and I have one year to become a better Captain.

THE MODERATOR: Any questions?

Q. This one is for Carlos. You've just come off this incredible run, Cincinnati on your own and US Open



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on your own. Just talk about this experience of being able to spend a week with guys that you're close with and go to battle with them each day.

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, that's the first reason that I love the Laver Cup, because I have a chance to have a team with the players that, you know, during the year I'm battling against.

You know, when we see each other during the tournaments, we are in our own, let's say, with our team, so we are not able to get to know each other. So here I'm able to get them each other as a person off the court, which is great. I learn from them how they do the things, how they approach the matches, everything. You know, being there to support them as well, I think that's great.

So, as I say, I love team events. I love team tournaments. I think we live an energy that we are not used to live during the whole year, which for me is a great experience. That's why I love the Laver Cup.

Q. For either of the captains. First time doing this. Any takeaways of things you kind of learned along the way that you think you can implement next year?

CAPTAIN YANNICK NOAH: Well, I really think that some of these guys have a future in tennis (laughter). Most of all, again, it was like I met these guys. Most of them, we never met. I saw them on TV. You know, I'm a tennis fan, obviously.

It was great to share some quality time with Tim. Tim is a much younger player than I am, and that is great, because we were actually doing it together because they call him the Captain, but we are actually both Captains. It was great to not only professionally be with him and, you know, share. Our DNA is tennis. We love tennis, and to be able to share that with him was really fun and great.

Yeah, I learned a lot. I learned a lot, because you know, watching the games on TV is something, but being close to them and see the way they prepare themselves, you know, how they are, they are actually very professional. They're very professional. You know, before the matches, the way they come, some of them, with a team. I got to meet most of them.

Yeah, it's not the way it used to be in my days, even though I coached, like, about five, six years ago at Davis Cup. Now we're talking about top players, and of course, when you get the opportunity and the luck to be close to these guys and see how they actually live, it's wonderful.



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Q. Carlos, you played your last night singles match. How did you prepare mentally and physically since you had to play two games today? If it was a tie, would you be ready to play your third game today for the doubles?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, last night was tough. It was a tough night. It was a tough day with the loses, but you know, normally when you lose in a tournament, you are out of the tournament. Here you lose, and you have another chance to be better. You have another chance to help the team with the points.

I think even more here in the Laver Cup. The last day the matches count three points, so I had to be ready. You know, I had to forget that I lost last night. Take everything that I did good from that match, trying to play the same, and take the thing that I did wrong last night just to be better.

I think I just came back, and I played such a great tennis today in the doubles and on singles. Yeah, if it was tied, I was ready. If the team had been a discussion with the team who was going to play the doubles, but if the team was needed, I mean, I was there and ready to play the doubles.

Q. Sascha, congratulations on a great effort. It was a tough loss, but could you talk about your back and also talk about what makes Taylor such a great player, a great competitor?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: I mean, Taylor has a massive game. When he's on, he's really on, you know? I mean, he can hurt anybody. He can compete with anybody, so he's a difficult player, for sure.

I tried my best today. I was close to winning the second set and then the tiebreak with the team in my back. I really liked chances, but unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be. What was the other question?

Q. How is your back?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Yeah, I mean, after the US Open, I didn't play for two weeks. I didn't do anything for two weeks. I had two injections. So far it's holding up. Yeah, I hope it continues being good.

Q. Just a general question for whoever would like to chime in for the players. You guys all have your teams all year, but to spend a week with Yannick and Tim and also with these teammates, I'm wondering if having that new voice, is there anything that you will take from this week and that you think will help you moving forward the rest of the year? Maybe the benefit of having that fresh voice this week. Maybe?

VICE CAPTAIN TIM HENMAN: Don't all shout at once (laughter).

CASPER RUUD: Who was that question for?

Q. Having the fresh voice working with Yannick and Tim and these guys. Anything that that fresh voice can help you with that you can take the rest of the year that's different from what you hear week to week with your usual team?

CASPER RUUD: Yeah, definitely. Yannick is from one generation in the history of tennis. Tim is from another. Then the seven of us are from an even younger one. Everyone, from Jakob was the youngest one up to Yannick, you have, like, 16 sets of eyes looking at your game for a weekend. So I think it's really interesting.

I really enjoyed watching from the sidelines, because we don't do that so often at the tournaments regularly. I tried to learn things from our opponents and from my teammates.

Yeah, I think Yannick came with some fun insights. We have his quote in our locker room about him saying that, "Happiness is the major key to success" and "Whatever you do, do it with happiness."

That's typically when you play the best, and I think that's something that we all should think of when we go out and travel to Asia for the next couple of weeks.

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