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Carlos Alcaraz

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THE MODERATOR: Well done, Carlos. How was your first experience out on the Philippe Chatrier court?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: It was difficult at the beginning, but it's always special to play in such a great stadium, a great court. I'm really happy with the performance in my first match in Philippe Chatrier, and hope to play more matches in this court.

THE MODERATOR: Questions in English.

Q. After all the matches you have won coming into here, how important was that rest period for you before this tournament? What did you do in that time?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: The tournament before or...

Q. No, in the time after Madrid. Before Paris, after Madrid.

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, I was recovering my feet, ankle and stuff. I took a couple of days off at home and enjoyed time with friends, family and stuff.

I think, yeah, as I said, recovering my feet, training a little bit, and, yeah, getting ready for this tournament.

Q. Would you like us to call you Carlos or Charlie?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, I call myself Charlie, but I don't mind if people call me Carlitos, Charlie.

Q. My question is, you are enjoying lots of success right now. What is the best thing about being Carlos Alcaraz right now? What is the worst thing about being Carlos Alcaraz right now?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, I would say the best thing to be Carlos right now is that I'm reaching my dream. I'm really happy with playing tennis, playing these kind of tournaments, these kind of stadium, is not for everyone, so I would say is the best thing.



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The worst thing I can say you can be normal off the court. You know, you can go a restaurant like a normal guy and this kind of stuff.

Q. On court as a player what would you say is your greatest strength? If you had to say the one thing you most want to improve as a player, what is that?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: The thing that I have to improve?

Q. Yes.

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, I always say that you have to improve every day if you are the best player in the world. Not in my case. But for example, Rafa says every day that he always improve every day. I would say I have to improve everything a little bit. You can improve everything every day, you know. And I would say everything. I have to improve everything.

Q. (Question off microphone.)

CARLOS ALCARAZ: The best thing? I don't know honestly. I would say I always be aggressive, I always be myself on court. I don't change -- it depends on the match, I don't change myself, my style. I would say that.

Q. There has been obviously a lot of attention on you and a lot of maybe a bit of pressure as well. Now that you have played the first match this year at Roland Garros, how do you handle that? Have you been able to just put all of that extra attention to one side? Has that been difficult to do?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Yeah. I mean, I am trying to be focused just on the tournaments, on the matches, and trying to be a part of the social media and everyone talking about you, just focus on what I have to improve, what I have to do on the matches, what I have to do in the every day to be ready in the tournament.

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