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## Tatjana Maria

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THE MODERATOR: Congratulations, Tatjana. Please let us know how you feel to be the champion of Queen's.

TATJANA MARIA: It feels amazing, but to be honest, I still cannot really believe it (smiling). It's just amazing to hold this beautiful trophy.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. Congratulations. Lovely scenes with you afterwards going over to your family. Looked like you had a really nice hug with Charlotte, and then Cecilia, looked like she wasn't very interested. Had she just woken up from a nap or something?**

TATJANA MARIA: I think she slept, so she was not ready for all this. Because it was, "Cece, Cece."

No, it was so nice. It's such a special moment for all of us, like a family together. Of course I had to go over there, because I mean, we won this trophy together, because we stick together and we are doing everything together. So it's not like only me that I won this trophy today. It's like my whole family won this trophy.

**Q. Do you often try and time her naps so that during the matches...**

TATJANA MARIA: No, actually, we are pretty good that they sleep and I play a match. No, they are great. Even Charlotte, she was always great on the side when I played matches.

We almost never had any problems in this, because also, we are really relaxed. So it's not like even if she would cry it would not disturb me, actually.

No, we could handle it pretty well. I don't know how we did, but for the moment, it always worked out (smiling).

**Q. Apparently you are the oldest WTA Tour winner since Serena Williams won it in 2020, who is another returning mother. I wanted to ask what that means**



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**and what the continuation of that legacy of mums coming back into the game and proving they cannot just compete but be at the top?**

TATJANA MARIA: I mean, it means a lot to me, because actually, I'm 37 years old and I won this trophy today. In the past, people were always saying, Oh, now maybe it's time. You are too old. You are...whatever reason they say sometimes.

But, you know, actually, I'm a good example that even in my age you still can win big trophies. I mean, I'm super proud of myself that I could win this tournament, because actually, I believed always in it, and my husband too. That's why we kept also going, because there was always this belief that I can win big tournaments and that I can do great things on the court.

Yeah, so I'm really, really proud of this.

**Q. Congratulations, Tatjana. You have obviously had a great run at Wimbledon a few years ago, as well, and now this. Why do you think you thrive so much on the British grass? And do you think lifting this trophy gives you the confidence to go even better at Wimbledon this year?**

TATJANA MARIA: Yeah, I mean, I think of course Wimbledon was a great two weeks. It was amazing to play Wimbledon. Every match was a huge fight.

I mean, I think there is a little difference, because in this moment when I played Wimbledon, I mean, I was fighting for every point, but there were sometimes like a few doubts.

This week, actually, I really found my confidence. I was believing in myself from the first till the last point that I could win this. Every single match, actually. I think this was a little bit of difference.

It makes me super proud that I found a way to really keep going and to believe in myself, to win all these matches and, yeah, to be the one who holds the trophy at the end of the week.

**Q. On the television Friday, I heard you say that you would like to play doubles with your eldest daughter one day. Is that genuine? How long do you think**



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**you'd have to play for that to happen?**

TATJANA MARIA: Yeah, I mean, she will turn 12 end of the year, and you can start to play on tour when you're 14. So I have a few more years to go, but it would be really my goal to do this, because I would love to play with her on the tour doubles.

I mean, she's on tour since she's three months old, actually. It's her dream. And if my body holds, if I really enjoy to play tennis, I would love to keep going and to play the doubles with her.

**Q. In general, with you and your husband and two children, how do you manage the logistics on tour in terms of do you travel with other family members, nannies, or...**

TATJANA MARIA: I mean, we travel sometimes with my mom or his mom, my husband's mom. We are also traveling a lot alone. I mean, we were doing this also often, because we could handle it pretty well.

Now of course we have Guillaume also who is, yeah, my physio but also the fitness coach of Charlotte in the same time. I mean, Charlotte is practicing now more professionally, and she needs a fitness coach because we are traveling all the time.

So we had a girl the last two years. Now we have Guillaume who is traveling with us. Charlotte has her own coach now, because we try also to split it a little bit to be really -- our goal would be we are really parents for her, mom and dad, and she has her team.

It's a little bit example of Coco Gauff also. We would like to do the same style, to be the parents at the end of the day. So, yeah, I mean, it's a lot of organization, let's say, but it's super nice.

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