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Jannik Sinner

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THE MODERATOR: Tell us about this new record you have now, winning 24 consecutive sets in Masters 1000 matches.

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, I think most importantly it's for me to be here. It has been a tournament I've missed. Last week was a great week for me. Now we have already a new one, so...

Quite focused about here, trying to do my best what I can, then we see how it goes.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. When you're playing a player you haven't played before, do you approach the match any differently in terms of preparation?

JANNIK SINNER: No, I try to watch some clips and some matches he played, trying to

understand also during the game what works best and what not.

He's a very talented player, with good feel of the ball. I try to move him around a bit to see how he moves. He's a very talented player.

I'm very, very happy about today's first-round match. It's never easy. I haven't had a lot of time to adjust here. Let's see what's coming.

Q. There's some players who are quite hesitant to change their technique. Some say they're scared to lose what they already have. You're someone who has improved a lot by constantly making changes, adapting your game. How challenging do you consider that process of changing your service technique, making changes to your backhand? Do you think it's more difficult to change your serve or your groundstrokes?

JANNIK SINNER: No, everything is not easy to change. But I'm someone who wants to be the best version of myself as a player, so I'm ready to change couple of things even when things are going well.

I believe if you try to improve as a player, and you are not able to do it also while playing matches, you waste a little bit of time maybe or maybe not. You don't have to mess around too much because you lose your identity.

I have a great team behind me. Very honest team. They try to put myself in the position to be the best possible player for myself, and that's it.

Q. What makes Miami special for you compared to other tournaments?

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, uhm... Miami is a special place. Unfortunately I've never played in Key Biscayne. I wanted to see also that part.



Usually coming from Indian Wells, then playing in Miami is very different. The court is less bouncy. Depending also on the temperature, it depends how the ball skips through the court.

I think for me it suits quite well. I've had great, great results in the past. I will try to replicate this this year again. I know that the road is very, very long.

I'm just happy to go through the first round today, and we try to improve for the next one, too.

Q. Do you know the player Lilli Tagger?

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah.

Q. She also has a skiing background. She actually plays ice hockey as well. Could you talk about what that experience had for you, skiing while you were growing up, just how you know her.

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, I know her actually very well. She's a very talented player. Very talented. Very different than we saw now, especially women's tennis. She's someone who likes to play tennis. You see the passion. I think that's the main thing a player should have.

Coming from background like this, I think it helps you mentally a little bit. For me skiing gave me more mentally than maybe having the balance on the court. I think that's more secondary. Mentally for me was, like, skiing you can hurt yourself. In tennis you just go for it. Worst case you lose a match. It's very different.

Yeah, she's in process trying to understand what her game style is really. But that's also right. She's very, very young. She had a great opportunities to see the level of the top players now in Indian Wells and Miami. She goes back

home now with a good feedback. I think that's the best for someone very young can happen.

Q. It was a different situation this time last year for you. Does anything of that come into your mind over these next few weeks where you're able to play these tournaments all over again? With that, what's the end goal? Obviously you want to win the titles. Is getting back to No. 1, gaining these extra points in this period, a major objective or is it just a matter of doing everything you can to get through?

JANNIK SINNER: For me obviously I'm not thinking anymore backwards. Whatever happened happened. I'm here. I've had great success last week. Coming here with a smile on my face and trying to produce some good tennis, then we see how things go.

Obviously I know the situation where I am in regarding of points defending. I have zero. Whatever comes in, it's positive. Even if you lose next round, nothing happens. So that's good for me.

I try to go day by day. As I said before, the process for me is very important, being a good tennis player. I know the things I need to work on. Watching back also the last tournament, there are things what I can improve. We will do that hopefully, then we see what we can achieve.

I am aware of where I am point-wise and No. 1 and No. 2. That's then a consequence of how I'm going to play. In any case, now until Rome, whatever comes is positive, so...

Let's see.

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