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## Sebastian Korda

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THE MODERATOR: Congratulations. First top-10 win on grass courts, and also, this gives you quarterfinal at Queen's Club. How do you feel about your performance today?

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, great. Always tricky to play Frances, especially when he's so confident coming in from Stuttgart. He's an incredible player and we always have a lot of battles. I'm very happy with today.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

**Q. Obviously Cam Norrie next. You've played three times. You have a head-to-head record 2-1. What are your memories of playing him at Delray Beach and the Australian Open as well?**

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, definitely one of probably the biggest fighters on tour. He doesn't give you very many free points.

I'm expecting a good battle. It's going to be fun, for sure, and another good test for me. Yeah, another solid match coming up. I'm very happy for it.

**Q. A lot of players are struggling with injuries. You had a fair amount of time off. How did you deal with it? How easy was it to come back or difficult?**

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, extremely difficult. It's kind of funny seeing Nadal and how easy he gets back into the rhythm of everything.

Definitely was the first time I have ever been injured for a long period of time, so definitely learned a lot from it, but it was very tricky for me. Even still now I still have a couple of issues I'm not very comfortable with, but, you know, matches like these will just only prepare me and hopefully some good matches coming up next.

**Q. A lot of British fans will know Jez Green with his work from Andy Murray and Emma Raducanu as well. Have you met either Andy and Jez, in the**

**company of Jez, working with them during your rehab the last couple of months?**

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, I have been with Jez basically since I got from Australia. We did kind of seven or eight good weeks, probably the longest block that I or Jez have ever done in our lives.

It was a lot of fun getting to know Jez a little bit. Definitely a huge addition to my team, building the body for Grand Slam tennis, and just a great person to have on my team as well.

**Q. When you say building your body for Grand Slam tennis, without giving too many secrets away, what does he actually physically do for your fitness?**

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, I have gained a few kilos since Australia and just kind of grow into my body. I was very skinny, very tall.

You know, the more matches I play, the more difficult, more sore here and there, but I think kind of the expertise of Jez is really just build the body, and so far I'm very happy with everything.

**Q. How is the wrist? Six months off, five months off after the Australian Open, how are you feeling? How is it coping?**

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, I have good days and sometimes I have bad days. Kind of now it's more mental. Sometimes I don't want to hit certain shots because I feel like a pain is going to be coming.

I just kind of gotta let that go and just play tennis. Everything is healthy right now and I'm just thrilled to be back on the tennis court.

**Q. I think the British crowd will accept you beating one Brit with a hotdog lob as well. If you beat a second one, you might end up being a public enemy. How does that make you feel if you eliminate two British players?**

SEBASTIAN KORDA: We'll see after I play Cam (smiling). I'm always very happy to play in front of the British fans here. They're so respectful of all the players. It's definitely a different atmosphere compared to other



countries. It's a thrill playing here. I'm very excited for next match.

**Q. When you say he's a warrior, do you mean that's because of the endurance, the competitive side of him? Just explain what it's like to play Cam Norrie.**

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, definitely. He doesn't get tired, he doesn't cramp, and, you know, he brings a big intensity to the courts.

I think those are his three kind of biggest weapons, and his all-around game is super solid. Especially being a lefty makes it even more trickier. I'm expecting a good battle.

**Q. I think fourth round is your best at Wimbledon? I presume that's a target you want to improve on this year or next year? Do you feel you have the game for grass as well?**

SEBASTIAN KORDA: Yeah, I do. I'm very confident in myself on the grass court. I move really well and definitely have a game that not very many people have.

I'm an aggressive player, I like to come to the net, I have good hands, and I definitely feel as if I'm one of the favorites at Wimbledon.

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