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1. How does Roger start his days?

○ a.) with a lot of energy

○ b.) pretty relaxed

2. What shot in tennis does Roger say is the "only shot we control. Everything else we have to react to the opponent?"

○ a.) an overhead shot on the backhand side

○ b.) the serve

3. What is Roger's signature shot?

○ a.) his slice, or maybe his forehand shot

○ b.) his two-handed backhand shot

4. What is Roger's favorite part about playing at Wimbledon?

○ a.) It's just a dream come true.

○ b.) Its history and tradition.

5. What is the most Swiss thing about Roger?

○ a.) He can speak several languages, Swiss-German, German, English and French.

○ b.) He's a chocoholic.

6. Why are the children eating strawberries and cream?

○ a.) It's a treat. It's what all the ball boys and ball girls do.

○ b.) It's tradition.

7. How many hours of tennis does Roger play every day?

○ a.) 2 hours every other day

○ b.) between 0 and 4 hours every day

8. What does Roger's mom do for a living?

○ a.) She's a teacher.

○ b.) She's a tennis coach.

9. What is Roger's advice to the kids?

○ a.) Dream big and go for it.

○ b.) Never let the ball bounce twice!

10. Spin or flat?

○ a.) spin

○ b.) flat

11. What TV show is he obsessed with at the moment?

○ a.) none right now, but he used to love "Prison Break"

○ b.) "Prison Break"

12. How many children does Roger have?

○ a.) at least 2

○ b.) 1

13. What has he learned from his kids?

○ a.) patience and hugging

○ b.) patience and snuggling

14. What was the most surprising moment in his career?

○ a.) winning at Wimbledon

○ b.) becoming world #1

15. What's his most prized memorabilia?

○ a.) 8 trophies, but there is always room for one more!

○ b.) The net of his 2009 Wimbledon final against his good friend, Andy Roddick.

16. Does Roger eat ice cream before the game?

○ a.) yes

○ b.) no

17. Which Wimbledon win was the most memorable?

○ a.) 2019

○ b.) 2003

18. What kind of music does Roger listen to before matches?

○ a.) Actually, he doesn't listen to music at all.

○ b.) relaxing music

19. What is Roger's fire and ice strategy?

○ a.) Play to win every point. Be laser focused, yet calm and composed.

○ b.) When you have butterflies in your belly, be cool and overcome the mental exhaustion.

Transcript

- [Interviewer] Roger!
- Hey, how you doing, Joe?
- [Interviewer] I'm doing great. Thanks for making the time to slip in, you know, a quick 73 question interview.
- Of course. Not gonna miss it.
- [Interviewer] This is gonna be great. So, how you feeling about the tournament?
- Feeling great. So happy that it's Wimbledon time again. I love this place.
- [Interviewer] Good. Can you walk me through how you start your days right now?
- It's pretty relaxed, actually. It's all about recovery and coming into the tournament with loads of energy. That's my plan.
- [Interviewer] Okay, can you show me what makes a perfect serve?
- Okay, perfect serve is, I think it's all in the toss really. It's the only shot we actually do control. Everything else we have to react to the opponent. So here we go. Up, jump, hope it lands in.
- [Interviewer] You make it look pretty easy. All right, can you demonstrate an extremely difficult and technical thing I probably won't understand?
- Maybe overhead on the backhand side. It hardly ever happens, and when it does you lunge back, jump up, can't see the opponent anymore, you try to connect and you hope for the best.
- [Interviewer] Okay, what do you consider to be your signature shot?
- My slice, maybe my forehand.
- [Interviewer] And, why do you have a two handed backhand?
- 'Cause all my heroes had a one-hander, so I had no choice.
- [Interviewer] Do you get attached to your racket?
- I do. I love my racket and it's an extension of my arm and it does all the magic for me, so, yeah.
- [Interviewer] All right. Now, what's your favorite part about playing at Wimbledon?
- Its history and tradition.
- [Interviewer] And, how would you describe playing at Centre Court?
- It's, I think, a dream come true for every tennis player to play there.
- [Interviewer] Can we check it out?
- Let's go.
- [Interviewer] All right, great, and whoa. I am destroying you at tennis on that scoreboard right there.

- What is going on? what have you done? And why are you asking questions and then playing at Wimbledon? [laughs]
- [Interviewer] Does your family have any nicknames for you?
- Yeah, they call me Rog and in Swiss German, "Roch-ee."
- [Interviewer] Hey, what's the most Swiss thing about you?
- That I'm a chocoholic. Is that something?
- [Interviewer] Yes, it is. What languages do you speak?
- I speak Swiss-German, German, English and French.
- [Interviewer] Do you have any favorite expressions in these languages?
- I like "allez" in French, "come on" in English, and "chum jetze" in Swiss-German, on the tennis court.
- [Interviewer] We have some ball boys and ball girls.
- Hey. How's everything? All good? Nice to see you all.
- [Interviewer] Hey guys.
- And they're having strawberries and cream.
- You want one?
- Sure.
- [Interviewer] Roger, what's up with the strawberries and cream here?
- I dunno. It's a Wimbledon thing.
- [Interviewer] Okay.
- What is it? Do you know?
- [Children] Tradition.
- Tradition.
- [Interviewer] Now, I heard you started your career as a ball boy. Is that right?
- Yes, I was like them. I was about twelve-years-old in my home tournament in Basel, I did it for two years, it was great, I loved it.
- [Interviewer] How many hours a day at age twelve were you playing?
- Two hours every second day, I'd say.
- [Interviewer] Wow, versus how many hours today?
- Between zero and four. I gotta save my energy sometimes.
- [Interviewer] Who was your tennis idol growing up?
- Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg, and Pete Sampras.
- [Interviewer] When did you first realize you were really, really good at tennis?
- Well in the juniors I thought I was good and then, when I beat Pete Sampras here in 2001 I felt like I knew I was good. So wrong to say that. Oh, my God.
- [Interviewer] Now, is it true your mom is a tennis coach?

- Yeah, a little bit. She didn't really coach me though.
- [Interviewer] Okay, but what's the best piece of advice that she gave you?
- Never let the ball bounce twice.
- [Interviewer] Oh okay.
- Makes sense. So simple right?
- [Interviewer] Yeah.
- Just run after that ball all the time.
- [Interviewer] Sure.
- Like a dog.
- [Interviewer] What advice would you give these guys here?
- Love your tennis but then work hard and what else can I tell you guys? Dream big. You know, sometimes we don't dream big enough that it's possible because we think there is barriers and stuff. You gotta go for it and do it full on.
- [Interviewer] That's wonderful advice.
- See you later guys. Take care, nice to see you.
- [Interviewer] Roger, grass or clay?
- Grass, of course.
- [Interviewer] Forehand or backhand?
- Forehand.
- [Interviewer] Spin or flat?
- Spin.
- [Interviewer] What TV show are you obsessed with at the moment?
- None, really. I used to love "Prison Break." That was so cool.
- [Interviewer] Who's your style icon?
- Tom Ford.
- [Interviewer] What are you wearing when you're feeling your best?
- I mean, a suit's good but bathing suit and a t-shirt on a beach somewhere.
- [Interviewer] What's the most memorable that you've ever worn?
- Met Gala, I wore a tuxedo from Gucci with at diamond encrusted sort of a cobra on the back. That was pretty sick.
- [Interviewer] What do you do on your off days?
- Nothing. I just take it easy, run around with the kids. Hey.
- Bonjour Roger, bonne chance pour le tournoi.
- Ciao, ciao.
- [Interviewer] What's the best fashion advice you've ever received?
- You wear the clothes, not the clothes wear you. And, Anna once told me when I asked

her if I should wear the dark suit or the light suit for the evening, she said, "The dark suit of course, Roger." I was like, of course.
- [Interviewer] That's pretty good advice, right?
- Anna knows best.
- [Interviewer] What's something about yourself that you think a lot of people wouldn't know?
- I don't know. I feel like I've done so many interviews, I think, I really feel like people know everything by now.
- [Interviewer] Alright, now, you have identical twins
- now, be honest with me, do you ever get them confused?
- I used to sometimes if I couldn't see their face right away but no, nowadays I'm a pro of course I can tell them apart.
- [Interviewer] What lessons have you learned from your kids?
- Patience and snuggling again. It's been the best.
- [Interviewer] That's so sweet. And, what do you hope your kids learn from you?
- Everything. I want to teach them everything I know and more. I love them so much.
- [Interviewer] That's wonderful.
- All right. Hello. Nice to see you.
- [Interviewer] Roger, out of all of the places you play in the world, what's the craziest location?
- I played on the Jungfraujoch, top of Europe and Switzerland, in my open with Lindsey Vonn. And, I guess Centre Court, Wimbledon, of course.
- [Interviewer] And, here we are in The Clubhouse. We finally made it. I can't believe I'm here right now. And look at the trophies.
- This is the one.
- [Interviewer] Roger, get right next to that. Look at that.
- So good. So beautiful. So close, so far.
- [Interviewer] And you have eight of these things.
- Yeah, I do.
- [Interviewer] Where do you keep all of them?
- I have a big trophy cabinet at home, but we always have space for one more. I tell you that.
- [Interviewer] I can imagine. What Wimbledon tradition do you look forward to the most?
- I think it's wonderful to have the Centre Court be opened up by the defending champion at one o'clock on Monday.

- [Interviewer] Do you remember the first professional tournament you played?
- Of course, Gstaad in '98 after I won the junior's here, actually, at Wimbledon the week before.
- [Interviewer] Wow. What's the most surprising moment in your career?
- Surprising moment, I truly believe becoming world #1 and winning all the titles that I did is crazier than any dream I ever had about my career. I never thought I was going to be this successful.
- [Interviewer] What's your most prize memorabilia?
- The net of my 2009 Wimbledon final against my good friend, Andy Roddick.
- [Interviewer] There we go. Would you consider tennis your favorite sport to watch?
- Yes, and football and basketball. I love basketball. It's cool.
- [Interviewer] And growing up you also played soccer, right?
- I did.
- [Interviewer] What made you choose tennis over soccer?
- I didn't want to blame the goalie, in all honesty. I wanted to blame myself, maybe that is what made me pick tennis. Thankfully I did.
- [Interviewer] What's the biggest challenge as an athlete that you didn't appreciate when you started?
- I was incredibly homesick in the beginning. Jet lag and all the interviews. Couldn't trust journalists in the beginning and then, little by little, I actually started enjoying interviews. That's why I'm talking to you right now.
- [Interviewer] I'm so lucky to be here. And, Roger, how do you want to be remembered?
- As a good guy for tennis, philanthropic, and I don't know, a good tennis player, maybe. I don't know.
- [Interviewer] Now, I've been told that you enjoy ice cream before a match. Is that right?
- What? Pre-match ice cream? I'll have loads afterwards, but not before.
- [Interviewer] And here's a wall of champions!
- [Interviewer] Wow, that's a lot of Federer right there.
- Yeah.
- It almost takes up half of the space. But in 2019, you're gonna wanna make it what, nine times on this board, right?
- Yes, eight's great, it's actually my favorite number, but nine has a better sound to it.
- [Interviewer] Now, can you point to the win that was the most memorable?
- 2003.

- [Interviewer] Why?
- It was my first one.
- [Interviewer] There you go.
- It's like I thought that was it. I achieved my dream, winning Wimbledon. It was epic.
- [Interviewer] And, I heard that they engrave these pretty quickly when you win?
- Yes, apparently, even the trophy. So, you hold it up in the air, and it's already got your trophy engraved and you walk out of this court, that you win just back here, look to your right, and bang, winner 2019 and the name.
- [Interviewer] Can you actually tell me something really quick about Mr. Rafael Nadal?
- What would you like to know? He's an intense guy on the court. He's super honest and open off the court, and he's got a heart of gold. He's also gonna help me with my foundation again next year. We're gonna try to break the record for most attendance in Cape Town in South Africa for my foundation. I'm so looking forward to it. so thank you Rafa.
- [Interviewer] Amazing. Now, I sense Centre Court is right behind these doors over here, right?
- It is. Wanna have a look?
- [Interviewer] Let's take a look.
- All right, let's go.
- [Interviewer] All right. Hopefully, it's everything that I hoped and dreamed. Here we go.
- After you.
- [Interviewer] This is so cool. Roger, do you have any pre-match rituals or superstitions?
- I am not superstitious at all actually, funny enough.
- [Interviewer] What kind of music would you probably be listening to before a match?
- I don't usually, but maybe something relaxing, funny enough.
- [Interviewer] And the grand moment. This is incredible. Wow, look at this.
- So nice.
- [Interviewer] What do you say to yourself before you walk on this grass?
- C'mon Rog, you got this. Go for it. Enjoy it. Let's go.
- [Interviewer] Do you think I could walk out on the grass with you?
- I mean, for me it's okay, but maybe you gotta ask Neil.
- Uh, no.
- [Interviewer] What's your favorite memory of playing here?
- Winning my first Wimbledon, or maybe beating Pete Sampras here in 2001.

- [Interviewer] Okay, Roger you're here. It's match point. What is that experience like?
- You hear a pin drop when you're about to serve. Nobody's talking, it's amazing. You hear a cough, maybe and then the crowd erupts when you win the point.
- [Interviewer] Who was the first person you look out for in the crowd?
- I wanna feel the vibe, see how into it the crowd is, how much they're into it, and then I check my team, if they're all seated already maybe, and umpire and opponent, you know.
- [Interviewer] And you have stiff competition. Who's the player that you dread playing the most?
- Raf Nadal.
- [Interviewer] Who's your favorite player to play against?
- Raf Nadal. [laughs]
- [Interviewer] And who do you want a re-match with?
- Maybe Del Potro, U.S. Open Final in 2009.
- [Interviewer] You have a strategy called fire and ice. What does this mean?
- So, I think you gotta have fire in the belly wanting to win every point. You give it your absolute best. And, ice in the veins, for me is basically you're so focused in the most important moments, you are so calm and composed, that's what it is.
- [Interviewer] Prepping for a first round match versus prepping for a final match, what changes?
- Well, there should be none, but sometimes you get a bit nervous, you do.
- [Interviewer] So, how nervous do you get before matches?
- I think it's the amount of butterflies you feel in the belly that makes a difference.
- [Interviewer] Mental exhaustion or physical, what's harder to overcome?
- I'd say mental. Just as hard to sometimes be picked up. It's not always easy to stay positive.
- [Interviewer] Serving volley or power baseline?
- A bit of both.
- [Interviewer] Footwork or strokes, which is harder to nail?
- Footwork is easier to perfect. I feel like strokes are maybe more talent involved.
- [Interviewer] And last question, Roger, question number 73: how does surviving Bear Grylls compare to surviving Wimbledon?
- A bit different. Bear Grylls' show I did freeze, and I peed over the fire. I didn't do that here at Wimbledon and Bear Grylls was actually sitting over there in the Royal Box with the Royals attending the finals and my team was sitting over there with my lovely wife. A wonderful moment.

- [Interviewer] All right. Well, that concludes the interview and I'm gonna leave with a message from a special guest. Here she is now:
- [Anna] Hello, Roger, this is Anna.
- Good luck at Wimbledon, and now back to those practice courts.
- Thank you, Anna. How did she do that? Is she here?
- [Interviewer] No idea. Thanks, Roger.
- Okay.