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An interview with:

STANISLAS WAWRINKA

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. You have had a pretty sort of mellow year so far coming into this. How does your performance speak so far as you prep for the Open?

STANISLAS WAWRINKA: Yeah, no, this week I'm playing great tennis. I had tough last two months. Was not easy, especially after French Open. I played great French Open, but then I lost first round Wimbledon, first round Gstaad, first round Olympics.

It was not easy, but I'm really happy to be back on the hard court. Since the beginning of the tournament I'm focused on what I'm doing and I'm happy to be in the semifinal here.

Q. You're not playing in Winston-Salem next week?

STANISLAS WAWRINKA: No, straight to New York. Every year almost I'm practicing there before.

Q. Tell us a little bit about what you'll be doing in New York when you're not playing tennis. Is there anything that you'd like to do?

STANISLAS WAWRINKA: Oh, yeah, I'd like to go around the city, to make some shopping, to go to the nice restaurant, too.

You have so many choice. It's really a great city to be there for two or three weeks. I really enjoy to be there.

Q. I know you switched to Yonex fairly recently. Can you talk about how that came about?

STANISLAS WAWRINKA: Yeah, since few years, you know, the racquet always improve. I was always trying new things maybe to find something to help to my game.

Last year when I start to try the Yonex I had the feeling it was a good racquet for me, with more power. Was much more easy for me to play. I still think that's help my game, especially for the future.

Q. And you switched your apparel?STANISLAS WAWRINKA: Yes, I switch everything.

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