

Josh's Tennis Packet: Serve and Volley

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- In this player's Davis Cup debut, they came back from down 2 sets to beat Roberto Bautista Agut on clay in Agut's home country of Spain. This player's first ATP main draw win came against Horacio Zeballos in Eastbourne, and his first Challenger title came a month later in Binghamton. In the 2016-17 season, this athlete went undefeated in Big 12 conference play en route to becoming the top ranked player in the nation, but skipped the NCAA singles tournament to turn professional. In this player's run to his biggest title, he defeated (*) Diego Schwartzman 6-0 6-2 in order to become his nation's top ranked player. This player's coach, Facundo Lugones, was named ATP Coach of the year in 2021, and Lugones met this player while as teammates at TCU. This man's most successful Grand Slam appearance came with comebacks against both Jaume Munar and David Goffin, and this player's most recent title came at Delray Beach. For 10 points, name this current British #1 who won the Covid-Rescheduled 2020 Indian Wells and most recently made the semifinals of Wimbledon.**

ANSWER: Cameron **Norrie**
- Ben Goldberg played 5 years at this university alongside Govind Nanda before joining its staff as an assistant coach. Martin Redlicki and Evan Zhu won a national championship in doubles while playing for this university, and the most recent singles national champion for this school defeated Mikael Torpegaard of Ohio State in the final. In 2019, Keegan Smith won a national doubles championship in 2019 while at this university. Smith's partner on that team defeated John Isner in the first round of the 2022 Australian Open and exclusively serve and volleys. That player, (*) Maxime Cressy, advanced to the fourth round before losing to Daniil Medvedev. Marcos Giron, an alumnus of this university, made the semifinals of an ATP 250 before losing to former Baylor player Jenson Brooksby. This team's tennis center was host to the 1984 Olympic tennis tournament and is located next to the Pauley Pavilion. Mackenzie MacDonald attended, for 10 points, what Pac-12 school whose mascot is Joe Bruin?**

ANSWER: **UCLA** (accept **Bruins** before mentioned)
- This player won a bronze medal alongside Jack Sock in doubles at the 2016 Olympics, and this man recorded a top-10 against John Isner at the 2018 US Clay Court Championships. This player overcame food poisoning and torn abdomen to defend his NCAA Singles title, and he was named the Pac-10 Doubles team of the year alongside Robert Farah. This player was a 7-time ITA All American, and won his first NCAA Singles title against Tennessee's Rhyne Williams in 2010. This player reunited with his college coach Peter in 2019, and the two won an unprecedented 4 straight NCAA (*) team titles together. This player ended his college career on a 72 match win streak which included multiple NCAA Singles Championships. Against his school's rival UCLA, this player played against players such as Alex Brigham, and this player most recently won a title at Newport in 2018. This player is largely known for his famous mustache and almost exclusively hits slice backhands. For 10 points, name this former USC star and current ATP pro who is widely considered to be the greatest college tennis player of all time.**

ANSWER: Steve **Johnson**
- General Tournament Name Required:* **In the 2017 edition of this tournament, Borna Coric beat the only American entrant in the tournament in straight sets, and Coric later went on to lose in this**

tournament to Daniil Medvedev. That American, Jared Donaldson, reached a career high of 48 in the world but has never won a match at this tournament. In the most recent edition of this tournament, Sebastian Korda lost the final in straight sets to a player whose next tournament came at the Australian Open, where they lost in the third round to Matteo Berrettini in 5 sets. The 2021 finals of this event saw Jannik Sinner beat Alex De Minaur (*) 4-2,4-1,4-2, and this tournament was the pioneer of fully electronic line-calling, which is now known as Hawkeye Live. Hyeong Chung won the first ever edition of this tournament, and reached the semifinals of the Australian Open in his next Grand Slam appearance. Daniil Medvedev was the first player that played this tournament to both win a Grand Slam and become World No. 1, and he only played in the 2017 edition of this tournament. Alexander Zverev and Stefanos Tsitsipas opted to withdraw from this tournament because they had accumulated enough ranking points to qualify for the ATP Finals. For 10 points, name this tournament that showcases the world's best tennis players who are ages 21 and under, and is headlined by its "Race to Milan."

ANSWER: **Next Gen ATP Finals** (Do not accept or prompt on ATP Finals)

5. **In a match at the 2019 Citi Open, this man was asked if the line judges "even know what they're doing" after a serve was successfully overruled on hawkeye. Later on in that match, this man was asked what happens if a player "doesn't have a challenge left," as this man "wasn't doing his job." Novak Djokovic once said that this man "had no clue about the game," and Roger Federer argued with this man about not being able to challenge his own serve. This man was called "a potato with legs and arms," and in a match in Cincinnati, this man was called "the worst ref ever." One player said that "every time I play, [this man] is doing stupid shit" and that player took a bathroom break to destroy two of his rackets. This umpire was told by Nick Kyrgios that his "hat looks ridiculous" as "it wasn't even sunny." This umpire is the only umpire from his country, where Connor Niland, James McGee, and Osgar O'Hoisin are from. For (*)10 points, name this sole Irish tennis umpire who Nick Kyrgios really hates.**

ANSWER: Fergus **Murphy**

6. **Ashlyn Kruger, who most recently won an ITF 60K in Indiana, won the 2020 edition of an event in this city, and the men's winner that same year was Arthur Fils. The most recent winners of that event in this city were Adolfo Vallejo and Petra Marcinko, the latter of whom won the 2022 Junior Australian Open. Jannik Sinner retired against Francisco Cerundolo at a tournament in this city a round after Sinner had beaten Nick Kyrgios 7-6, 6-3. Dominic Thiem won the 2011 edition of a junior tournament in this city, which was recently won by (*) local player Coco Gauff. Casper Ruud lost the finals of an event in this city to a player who went on to beat both Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic in the Madrid Masters. Hubert Hurkacz won the 2021 edition of a Masters 1000 tournament in this city, and that tournament used to be held in nearby Key Biscayne. The Junior Orange Bowl takes place in, for 10 points, what city home to Hard Rock Stadium and the Itau Open?**

ANSWER: **Miami**

7. **It's not Maxime Cressy, but a player who represents this country became the lowest ranked ATP semi finalist since Juan Manuel Cerundolo at Mallorca 2022, and did so by only serve-and-volleying. This country won their only Davis Cup title by beating France in the finals, who at the time was led by Julien Benneteau and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. A player who represents this country reached the quarterfinals in their first ever ATP tournament as well as winning the 2022 Cleveland Challenger. A player representing this country became the first ever to beat both Djokovic and Nadal in the same Grand Slam, and they did so at the (*) 2014 Australian Open, which they won. Antoine Bellier and Dominic Stricker are from this country, the home of the ATP 250 tournament in Gstaad. A player who represents this country announced that his tour comeback will come at a tournament in that same country,**

an indoor tournament he has won 11 times. That player has the third-most grand slams of all time for a man, and is responsible for creating the Laver Cup. For 10 points, name this home country of Stan Wawrinka, an ATP 500 tournament in Basel, and Roger Federer.

ANSWER: Switzerland

8. **This player's sister partnered with Mike Bryan to play an exhibition doubles match at Delray Beach against this player and Bob Bryan, which this player ended up winning 10-3 in a third set tiebreaker. This player beat Viktoria Golubic to win their first title at the Monterrey Open, a tournament which they have won in back to back years. In this player's most recent Grand Slam appearance, they beat Amanda Anisimova in the fourth round before losing to an Italian in the quarterfinals. In the third round of this player's best Grand Slam appearance, they beat the third seed and defending champion in three sets. This player beat Aryna Sabalenka to become the first player born in (*) 2002 to reach a Grand Slam final, and did so a day after her 19th birthday. This player lost that final to the winner of the 2022 ESPY Award for Best Women's Tennis athlete. This player is currently the highest ranked player from a country that includes Genie Bouchard and Bianca Andreescu. For 10 points, name this Canadian tennis player who lost in the finals of the 2021 US Open to Emma Raducanu.**

ANSWER: Leylah Annie Fernandez

9. **One player who represents this country won their first tour-level title at the Bucharest Open, beating Patricia Tig in the finals. A player who represents this country won their only tour-level title by earning their first career win against a top 5 player, and they had beaten Filip Krajinovic in the semifinals to reach that point. When that player made a grand slam final in doubles alongside a fellow countryman, he claimed that he "hates tennis" and "if there was no money, [he] would stop playing instantly." A player representing this country beat Serena Williams to reach the quarterfinals of the 2021 French Open only to lose to her doubles partner. After a loss to Jannik Sinner at the (*) Miami Open, a player representing this country repeatedly exclaimed that the "15 year old ... was not human." That player who represents this country claimed that eating Chipotle was better than any of the seafood Newport has to offer, which is where his favorite tournament of the year is located. A player representing this country draws comparisons to Nick Kyrgios for his use of the underarm serve, and another player representing this country won the 2022 Wimbledon. Alexander Bublik and Elena Rybakina represent, for 10 points, what country whose capital was formerly known as Astana?**

ANSWER: Kazakhstan

10. **After these two players played their first match against each other, the winner told the loser that he better "shut [his] fuck up" after winning 2-6,6-4,6-2. One of these players kept demanding the other "look at him" as he did not apologize for a let that happened during the match. In the most recent matchup between these two players, the winner called umpire Jaume Campistol a "small cat" as the other player was talking in his native language to his (*) father. In a match at the Australian Open between these two players, one criticized the other for letting "his father talk after every point," and the winner of that match went on to lose in the finals of the tournament that year. Both of these players have lost grand slam finals from 2 sets up and one did so at the 2021 French Open while the other did so at the 2022 Australian Open. At the 2018 Miami Open, one of these two players called the other "a small kid who doesn't know how to fight," which was instigated by being called a "bullshit Russian." For 10 points, name these two rivaling top-5 tennis players from Greece and Russia.**

ANSWER: Daniil Medvedev and Stefanos Tsitsipas (accept in either order)

11. **This man reached his first Grand Slam singles final by serving 36 aces against Pete Sampras, and this man did not face a break point all match. This man reached his career high ranking by reaching the 1994 Wimbledon final, which they lost in straight sets. One player coached by this man defeated**

Roger Federer in straight sets in the semifinals en route to winning the biggest title of his career. Another player coached by this man saved two championship points in a match that took 4 hours and 57 minutes, and one of those match points was famously preceded by a fan pointing out a sole finger. That match cost Roger Federer a chance at a 9th Wimbledon title, a tournament that this man won in (*) 2001 as a wildcard. This man was the coach of the winner of the 2014 US Open, and that player became the second person from his home country to win a Grand Slam after this man. That player was Marin Cilic, and the player this man currently coaches beat Nick Kyrgios in 4 sets in the 2022 Wimbledon final. For 10 points, name this Croatian former world No. 2 who is currently the coach of Novak Djokovic.
ANSWER: Goran Ivanišević

12. **In a 2008 Futures match against Marinko Matosevic, this player's father ordered him to walk off the court in the middle of the match as he felt this player was being cheated by officials. This player refused a practice opportunity with a former No. 1 and fellow countryman as "[that player] wasn't good enough." This player's father headbutted a practice partner in the face due to his refusal to get him some milk and received an 8 month suspended prison sentence. In 2018, player was on the reality TV show "I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here!" for three days after losing early in the Australian Open Qualifiers. This player was on the losing end of a (*) 28 minute-long match against Jarkko Nieminen at the Miami Open, which was the fastest match in ATP history. This player recently challenged fellow countryman Nick Kyrgios to a match for \$1 million, but Kyrgios responded by saying "I'm still on the tour brother." This player reached a career high of 17 in the world in 2016, and perhaps was best known for his ability to tank matches. For 10 points, name this Australian tennis player with the nickname "Bernie" who is currently ranked 619th in the world.**

ANSWER: Bernard Tomic

13. *Specific year and tournament required:* **Borna Coric and Alex De Minaur scored third round upsets of Stefanos Tsitsipas and Karen Khachanov in this tournament, and Cam Norrie upset Diego Schwartzmann in the first round of this tournament. The winner of this tournament was the first new Grand Slam winner in 6 years. Laura Clark caused the loss of this tournament's number one overall seed, and this paved the way for the second seed in this tournament to win. Pablo Carreno Busta advanced to the semifinals after getting a (*) walkover in the fourth round of this tournament when his opponent was defaulted for ball abuse. This was the first tournament since the 2004 French Open in which the winner came back from two sets down in the final, Daniil Medvedev lost in the semifinals to this tournament's eventual champion, but won the tournament the following year by defeating Novak Djokovic. Dominic Thiem defeated Alexander Zverev in the final of, for 10 points, what tournament that saw Novak Djokovic get defaulted for hitting a linesperson?**

ANSWER: 2020 US Open (prompt on US Open)

14. **One player representing this country was the youngest player to compete in the Ultimate Tennis Showdown, but lost to French player Corentin Moutet in the first round. Another player representing this country won their only grand slam after being match point down. That player representing this country finished as the year-end number one in both 2010 and 2011. In an interview, one player representing this country said "he can beat [Rafael Nadal's] Roland Garros record," and won the junior title there in 2019. One player representing this country claimed that in the locker room after a quarterfinal match, his opponent approached him and screamed (*) JAAA in his face. That player was Casper Ruud, who later went on to lose in the finals of that tournament. One player representing this country defeated Simona Halep to win the 2018 Australian Open, and other players representing this country include Clara Tauson. This country's highest ranked male beat Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 2022 French Open and won the 2022 Munich Open. Holger Rune and Caroline Wozniacki represent, for 10 points, what country whose tennis federation is headquartered just outside Copenhagen?**

ANSWER: Denmark

15. **An angry Karen Khachanov asked an umpire how he was supposed to do this action after being given a warning for verbal abuse. During a match at the 2021 Australian Open, Aslan Karatsev said that just doing this action was “all” he needed to do to win the match. In a first round match at the US Open, one player repeatedly asked the umpire for his opinion on someone doing this action, and that player repeatedly said “what’s [his opponent] doing.” In response to this, the player who took this action said that he “played by the guidelines” and “did not believe he broke any rules.” In a match at the Western and Southern Open, (*) Alexander Zverev claimed that this player “took his bag with his phone” when doing this action, to which the umpire responded “what would you like me to do.” Andy Murray repeatedly claimed that the main perpetrator of this action was cheating, as he “had never taken that much time” to do this action. Murray got his wish, later in the year, as the ATP changed their rules surrounding this action after Murray’s opponent did this action for over 8 minutes. For 10 points, name this action that led to Stefanos Tsitsipas receiving the rather unfortunate nicknames of “Tsitsishit” and “Tsitsipiss.”**

ANSWER: Going to the bathroom (antiprompt on specifics that involve an action taken in the bathroom by saying “where does this happen?”)

16. **In a match between these two players at the 2018 Junior French Open, the younger player won 1-6,6-3,7-6 en route to winning the tournament. In the first round of the 2019 US Open, these two players beat Timea Baczinsky and Anastasia Potapova respectively, and the older of these two players lost to a finalist in the second round. In that same tournament, these two players lost to Ash Barty and Victoria Azarenka 6-0,6-1 in the third round. The first title these two players won together came at the 2019 Citi Open, and the best result these two players had at a Grand Slam together ended in a (*) finals loss to Zhang Shuai and Sam Stosur. The younger of these two players won the Qatar WTA 1000 with fellow American Jessica Pegula, and the older of these two players has a brother named John who played at Ohio State. One of these players lost the final of the 2022 French Open to Iga Swiatek, and for 10 points, name these two players who were known as “McCoco” when playing together as a doubles team and made the finals of the 2021 US Open together.**

ANSWER: Coco Gauff and Caty McNally (Accept McCoco until mentioned)

17. **One university located in this city lost 4-3 to LSU in the first round of the NCAA Team Championship in 2022. Players on that team included Caleb Chakravarti, Liam Krall, and Adam Neff, all of whom were given wildcards to an ATP tournament in this city. One player who now lives in this city was on the losing end of the longest tiebreak in ATP history, losing 22-24 to the eventual winner of the tournament. Jenson Brooksby beat Marcos Giron in 3 sets to reach the final of an ATP 250 in this city, where he lost to (*) Reilly Opelka 7-6,7-6. A university in this city won the AAC Tennis Championships in 2022, beating Memphis in the finals. The player who has served the most aces in ATP history currently lives in this city, and that player served as an ambassador for an ATP tournament in University Park, a suburb of this city. Grant Solomon, an alumnus of the Greenhill School in this city, played college tennis at Harvard and made the quarterfinals of the Junior US Open. John Isner currently resides in this city, and has been seen playing tennis with Dirk Nowitzki, who played basketball in this city. Southern Methodist University is located in, for 10 points, what Texas city?**

ANSWER: Dallas, Texas

18. **In a second round victory in 2022, Daniil Medvedev wrote this phrase on a camera after winning in 4 sets. After that win, Medvedev stated how “it’s tough” when this phrase is said “between first and second serves.” Medvedev claimed that people who said this phrase “probably have a low IQ,” and Andy Murray said that this phrase was “incredibly irritating.” After a first round win against Liam**

Broadly, one player said that “it was a zoo out there” as people were yelling this phrase on John Cain Arena. That player also said that this phrase is (*) “just a stupid chant,” and that the creator of this phrase “does it every time he scores.” This phrase became the ire of umpires during matches played by the winners of the 2022 Australian Open, Thanasi Kokkinakis and Nick Kyrgios. Andy Murray also said that this phrase is something a Portuguese soccer player “does when he scores,” and the first instance of this phrase being said came after a goal in a match between Real Madrid and Inter Milan. Cristiano Ronaldo created, for 10 points, what phrase that translates to “yes” in Portuguese?

ANSWER: SIUUU

19. **This player won the 2014 Women’s Junior Wimbledon title and at the time was ranked second in the ITF Junior rankings. After a match at Eastbourne 2022, this player stated how her “level is way better than [Ajla Tomljanovic]” after a 6-4,6-4 win in the first round. This player lost to Tatjana Maria in the fourth round of Wimbledon, and after the match this player claimed Maria “got just so lucky in some moments.” In her best tournament result to date, this player came back from a set and 3-0 down to win the tournament despite being unseeded. In that final, this player hit 54 winners and 54 unforced errors, while Simona Halep only hit 8 winners. This player was the first unseeded player since 1933 to win a tournament on courts such as (*) Suzanne L’Englen, and was a teenager when she won her only Grand Slam title. This current world no. 14 had a career high of number 5 in 2019, and currently resides in her birthplace of Riga. For 10 points, name this Latvian tennis player who won the 2017 French Open at the age of 19.**

ANSWER: Jelena Ostapenko

20. **In one song by this artist, he sings about “working on a track till it’s midnight/feels like I’m out chasing moonlight.” Later on in Night Train, a song by this artist, he claims that “[his] life is on the moon/got the ‘Rari go vroom.” In the music video for The Search, a song by this artist, he claims how his “thoughts can be dangerous” while signing a camera after a victory. A recurring motif in that music video by this artist involves him gripping a tennis racket as well as hitting a backhand winner against Juan Martin Del Potro. On his song Drip, this artist collaborated with Corentin Moutet, where this artist claims that “you know I got that mil” which is a reference to his \$9 million in career prize earnings. After beating Marin Cilic at the 2019 edition of (*) Indian Wells, this artist freestyles about “being here in Cali with the fans getting hella lit.” One of this artist's songs was released on March 15, 2021, roughly two months after losing to fellow countryman Felix Auger-Aliassime in the Australian Open. This artist has not won a match since beating Rafafel Nadal at the Rome Masters in May. For 10 points, name this blonde Canadian rapper who also happens to be the current world No. 23 tennis player.**

ANSWER: Denis Shapovalov