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PATRICK MOURATOGLOU WILL COACH DANISH RISING STAR HOLGER RUNE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR - TOGETHER WITH HOLGER'S LONGTIME TRAINER LARS CHRISTENSEN.



Patrick Mouratoglou spotted Holger for the first time when he was 13 years old. Since then, the Danish is regularly training at the Mouratoglou academy. Patrick and Holger's team always had a special bond and now the timing is right to work closer together.

PATRICK WILL COACH HOLGER RUNE UNTIL SIMONA HALEP WILL RETURN TO THE TOUR

The possibility to agree on a partnership opened up, because Simona Halep, coached by Patrick since April this year, had to undergo a surgery that will keep her out of the tour until the end of 2022. *"I'm really confident with Simona's healing process and I hope to see her back on court soon"* the French tennis coach pointed out. The two-time Grand Slam champion Halep encouraged Patrick and Holger's team to work together until her comeback to the tour, which will hopefully take place in the beginning of 2023.

HOLGER IS HONORED TO HAVE PATRICK IN HIS COACHING TEAM

“It is an amazing opportunity to work closely together with one the best tennis coaches in the world. At the level that we are right now and even if it is only for a few months, we did not hesitate to take this chance to work with Patrick, in order to make the next step” the 19-year-old said after his practice session with the French tennis coach on Wednesday.

Until the end of the year, Holger’s team will attend four tournaments together, in Stockholm (ATP 250), Basel (ATP 500), Paris (Masters 1000) and in Milan (Next Gen Finals). In addition, Patrick and Holger’s team will work together in the winter-season to prepare for 2023.

“I’m really excited to work with Holger. He has a great team with his mother and Lars, who he has been with since he started playing. This kind of relationships are rare and precious. I am honored to be part of it and my goal is to assist them in order to help Holger to reach his goals” the 52-year-old explained.

Rune broke into the ATP Top 100 for the first time in his career in January this year, reaching the Top 50 only a few months later in May, after his first ATP tour title in Munich. Currently he is standing at No. 27 – his best position in the ATP World ranking so far. Not only on the ATP tour level Holger’s progress has been absolutely outstanding, but also on the biggest stages in the world of tennis: The Grand Slams! At the US Open 2021 Holger reached the first round of a major for the first time in his career, winning one set against World No.1 at the that time, Novak Djokovic. Only 9 months later, the Danish prodigy stormed into the quarterfinal of Roland Garros, but fell short and was defeated by Casper Ruud from Norway in four sets.

THE MINDSET OF A CHAMPION!

Born on April 29, 2003 in Copenhagen, Denmark, **“The Machine”** fell in love with tennis at 6 years old and has been dedicated to the sport ever since. Rune is well-known for his incredible work ethic, his passion for tennis, and mostly for his inner fire. One year ago, Patrick Mouratoglou said: *“I believe in Holger, first because he is a winner and he is a number one. He was the No.1. in Europe Under 14, then he became No.1 in Juniors. So, at every moment of his young career, he was at the top. He is so courageous and he is so resilient, those qualities are the qualities of the champions.”*

Since 2016, Holger is training at the Mouratoglou Academy, supported by the Champ’sseed Foundation, which raises funds in order to support tennis talents who do not have the financial resources.

HOLGER RUNE'S IMPRESSIVE RUN



WHEN HIS TEAM SET THE GOAL TO ENTER THE ATP 300, HOLGER RUNE SAID "WHY NOT THE TOP 100?"

"Nothing else has driven me so crazy, obsessed me so much or made me feel so good as playing tennis." – Holger Rune.