

Chris Evert Quotes

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To be a tennis champion, you have to be inflexible. You have to be stubborn. You have to be arrogant. You have to be selfish and self-absorbed. Kind of tunnel vision almost.

~Chris Evert

You've got to take the initiative and play your game. In a decisive set, confidence is the difference.

~Chris Evert

My first U.S. Open I think was just very special for me because that was sort of the beginning of what was a 'Cinderella' story for me.

~Chris Evert

When I play, I'm boiling inside. I just try not to show it because it's a lack of composure, and if you give in to your emotions after one loss, you're liable to have three or four in a row.

~Chris Evert

If you're a champion, you have to have it in your heart.

~Chris Evert

Find something that you're really interested in doing in your life. Pursue it, set goals, and commit yourself to excellence. Do the best you can.

~Chris Evert

You can't give up! If you give up, you're like everybody else.

~Chris Evert

Competitive toughness is an acquired skill and not an inherited gift.

~Chris Evert

Whatever your goal in life, be proud of every day that you are able to work in that direction.

~Chris Evert

The difference is almost all mental. The top players just hate to lose. I think that's the difference. A champion hates to lose even more than she loves to win.

~Chris Evert

Ninety percent of my game is mental. It's my concentration that has gotten me this far.

~Chris Evert

Training the body to obey the mind as I have done differs from the more conventional method of getting the mind to obey the body.

~Chris Evert

If I win several tournaments in a row, I get so confident I'm in a cloud. A loss gets me eager again.

~Chris Evert

Don't let a first-set victory lead into a second-set slump

~Chris Evert

If you can react the same way to winning and losing, that's a big accomplishment.

~Chris Evert

You're always striving to play that perfect match.

~Chris Evert

Losing hurts me. I was determined to be the best.

~Chris Evert

I'm not an overly ambitious person; I don't feel like I have to excel.

~Chris Evert

I realized that with hard work, the world was your oyster. You could do

anything you wanted to do.

~Chris Evert

There were times when deep down inside I wanted to win so badly I could actually will it to happen. I think most of my career has been based on desire.

~Chris Evert

Every time, all the time, I'm a perfectionist. I feel I should never lose.

~Chris Evert

I was very, very shy as a younger girl, just petrified of people. Tennis helped give me an identity and made me feel like somebody.

~Chris Evert

When I was younger, I was a robot. Wind her up and she plays tennis.

~Chris Evert

In tennis, at the end of the day you're a winner or a loser. You know exactly where you stand... I don't need that anymore. I don't need my happiness, my well-being, to be based on winning and losing.

~Chris Evert

I love hiking in the mountains in Aspen. Breathing the clean, fresh air is great. Plus, it gives me a cardiovascular workout and firms my legs.

~Chris Evert

The great high of winning Wimbledon lasts for about a week. You go down in the record book, but you don't have anything tangible to hold on to. But having a baby -- there isn't any comparison.

~Chris Evert

Not every child is cut out for an individual sport.

~Chris Evert

Now that I'm losing some, I can see how tough I was -- the killer instinct, the single-mindedness, playing like a machine. Boy, that's what made me a champion.

~Chris Evert

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After being at the top, I don't think I could play senior tournaments, because you know how good you were. I don't know if I would enjoy that, being half of what I was.

~Chris Evert

Being famous before you've formed your personality, before you have that self-esteem, is dangerous.

~Chris Evert

I've had a lot of fear in my life, from fear of flying to fear of making a speech in front of a lot of people.

~Chris Evert

I wanted always to appear strong and in controlThen the cookie began to crumble.

~Chris Evert

I think team sports probably teach you more about giving - about being unselfish and being flexible.

~Chris Evert

I was labeled at a young age - Miss Unemotional, Miss Cool, and that would carry over to my press conferences.

~Chris Evert

I'm not getting within 20 feet of a married man ever again - not even

talking to one!

~Chris Evert

Cats are peaceful and tranquil - they bring calmness with their serene personalities.

~Chris Evert

Of all my achievements in tennis, I'm probably as proud of my record on clay courts as any of my Wimbledon, U.S. Open or French singles titles.

~Chris Evert

Relationships are give-and-take, and when you're a tennis player, you're certainly not giving. You have to be self-absorbed. It has to be about you.

~Chris Evert

I still have this image: I can't be controversial, I can't say things.

~Chris Evert

I always looked ahead.

~Chris Evert

You pay a price for everything in life.

~Chris Evert

Once you've been number one, you can never be satisfied with less.

~Chris Evert

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