

Jimmy Connors Quotes

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I hate to lose more than I like to win. I hate to see the happiness on their faces when they beat me!

~Jimmy Connors

[In the modern game] you're either a clay court specialist, a grass court specialist or a hard court specialist... or you're Roger Federer...

~Jimmy Connors

Greatest thing in life: Winning a tennis match. Second greatest thing in life: Losing a tennis match

~Jimmy Connors

Rather than viewing a brief relapse back to inactivity as a failure, treat it as a challenge and try to get back on track as soon as possible.

~Jimmy Connors

Experience is a great advantage. The problem is that when you get the experience, you're too damned old to do anything about it.

~Jimmy Connors

I never lost a tennis match, I just ran out of time

~Jimmy Connors

New Yorkers love it when you spill your guts out there. Spill your guts at Wimbledon and they make you stop and clean it up.

~Jimmy Connors

I am not looking to be understood or liked. Like me or not, I don't care. I am an outsider, that is the way I was brought up.

~Jimmy Connors

I hate to lose more than I love to win.

~Jimmy Connors

With everything else that would swirl around me when I got involved in it, tennis was my main concern.

~Jimmy Connors

I was raised by two women, and that laid the groundwork for the way I treat 'em: with the utmost respect and admiration.

~Jimmy Connors

Big money encourages tanking. In my opinion, tanking is going on even with a lot of the top guys today - it's quite evident.

~Jimmy Connors

I've been kicked in the teeth more times in tennis than the law ought to allow.

~Jimmy Connors

What works for the person you're imitating may not work for you.

~Jimmy Connors

I don't go out there to love my enemy. I go out there to squash him.

~Jimmy Connors

The minute you think you know everything about tennis is the minute your game starts going down the tubes.

~Jimmy Connors

Tennis was never work for me, tennis was fun. And the tougher the battle and the longer the match, the more fun I had.

~Jimmy Connors

There was never anything I wanted to do more than play tennis. Never once walked out there and thought, 'I wish I was doing something else.' Not once.

~Jimmy Connors

I was never part of the crowd.

~Jimmy Connors

Equality? They ought to play the women's final on opening day. Everybody knows who's going to be in it.

~Jimmy Connors

People say I'm around because I have a lot of heart, but I know all the heart in the world couldn't have helped me if I wasn't physically fit.

~Jimmy Connors

The trouble with experience is that by the time you have it you are too old to take advantage of it.

~Jimmy Connors

Nothing's perfect along the way [in life], and you ride the ups and downs. It's how you come out of those and continue on that I guess really matters.

~Jimmy Connors

I like any title with the letters U.S. in front of it. To me, the U.S. Open is the most important tournament in the world.

~Jimmy Connors

There is only one number one. It is a lonely spot but it has got the best view of all.

~Jimmy Connors

I'm not begging to be remembered or whatever. I did my thing, and if you remember, that's even better. But if you don't, there's so many other things going on.

~Jimmy Connors

When you're hot, anything can happen.

~Jimmy Connors

Playing in front of 25,000 people and millions more on television, and performing and doing what I worked so hard to try to accomplish was, in my opinion, the ultimate. Do I miss it? Of course I do.

~Jimmy Connors

I always insist on my jeans being ironed. Is that a problem?

~Jimmy Connors

For the last five or six years the most important thing in my life has been my family.

~Jimmy Connors

From where we lived, to practise in St Louis was an hour-and-a-half drive each way, so that took a lot of the time. So really, our lives just took different paths.

~Jimmy Connors

People don't seem to understand that it's a damn war out there.

~Jimmy Connors

But why should I read what somebody else thinks of my life when I know the real story?

~Jimmy Connors

No, like I said, my dad was never really part of the tennis. His involvement around what I did with the tennis and with my mom and my grandparents was really not a part of my life.

~Jimmy Connors

Back in East St. Louis, tennis wasn't the real thing. If you weren't playing baseball, basketball, football, you were kind of on the outside.

~Jimmy Connors

Tennis would be much more exciting if they had pitching machines firing Tennis was given to me to keep me off the street corners of east St. Louis.

~Jimmy Connors

You have to remember that I played longer than anybody else on the main tour; I played until I was 40, and then played another six years or so on the seniors tour.

~Jimmy Connors

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