

Magnus Carlsen

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Some people think that if their opponent plays a beautiful game, it's OK to lose. I don't. You have to be merciless.

~Magnus Carlsen

You need to have that edge, you need to have that confidence, you need to have that absolute belief that you're - you're the best and you'll win every time.

~Magnus Carlsen

What I admired most about him [Bobby Fischer] was his ability to make what was in fact so difficult look easy to us. I try to emulate him.

~Magnus Carlsen

Without the element of enjoyment, it is not worth trying to excel at anything.

~Magnus Carlsen

You have to choose the move that feels right sometimes; that's what intuition is.

~Magnus Carlsen

I am trying to beat the guy sitting across from me and trying to choose the moves that are most unpleasant for him and his style.

~Magnus Carlsen

Maybe if I didn't have the talent in chess I'd find the talent in something else. The only thing I know is that I have talent in chess, and I'm satisfied with that.

~Magnus Carlsen

I don't think there is a thing like overconfidence in chess. It's always better to be too confident than too reluctant.

~Magnus Carlsen

People ask what my goal is. I don't have a goal.

~Magnus Carlsen

When you have fun then you're more interested in learning.

~Magnus Carlsen

I'm more interested in the games than the people.

~Magnus Carlsen

Kids love games and chess is a game where you have to sit down and concentrate and it just helps in every way.

~Magnus Carlsen

I spend hours playing chess because I find it so much fun. The day it stops being fun is the day I give up.

~Magnus Carlsen

I've never really had a favorite player, past or present.

~Magnus Carlsen

Once you're a chess player, you spend a lot of time thinking about the game and you can't get it completely out of your head.

~Magnus Carlsen

There are so many games that I've seen that I've learned from. I never - that's also part of the same - never single out a particular player or a particular game.

~Magnus Carlsen

I'm definitely the first no.1 in the world since Fischer, and probably at least since Kasparov, who probably has the most potential to dominate for the foreseeable future.

~Magnus Carlsen

I honestly don't read that much. Obviously I read chess books - in terms of favorites, Kasparov's 'My Great Predecessors' is pretty good.

~Magnus Carlsen

Contrary to many young Colleagues, I do believe that it makes sense to study the Classics.

~Magnus Carlsen

I get more upset at losing at other things than chess. I always get upset when I lose at Monopoly.

~Magnus Carlsen

I think with chess as with everything, marketing is the main issue.

~Magnus Carlsen

Right now I'm really happy with how things are going with my chess career, so I'm not thinking of doing anything else.

~Magnus Carlsen

If you want to get to the top, there's always the risk that it will isolate you from other people.

~Magnus Carlsen

It's easy for me to get along with chess players. Even though we are all very different, we have chess in common.

~Magnus Carlsen

I learnt an enormous amount, but there came a point where I found there was too much stress. It was no fun any more. Outside of the chessboard I avoid conflict, so I thought this wasn't worth it.

~Magnus Carlsen

My father, a fine chess player himself, has been a massive influence throughout my life.

~Magnus Carlsen

I don't really watch too many movies. I don't have the patience usually to watch one, one and a half or two hours in a row.

~Magnus Carlsen

I don't look at computers as opponents. For me it is much more interesting to beat humans.

~Magnus Carlsen

It's nice to be financially secure. Apart from that, I really don't care too much about money.

~Magnus Carlsen

For me, the most important thing is to continue to play well and to be a positive figure and hopefully a role model for kids as well.

~Magnus Carlsen

The Nanjing games are homework by Garry Kasparov and me, [...]
Today's game was provided by Garry.

~Magnus Carlsen

I am not some sort of freak. I might be very good at chess but I'm just a normal person.

~Magnus Carlsen

Unfortunately I'm still not a fashion expert.

~Magnus Carlsen

Chess only appeals to quite a small minority. It does not have the cachet of a mainstream popular sport.

~Magnus Carlsen

There are certainly loads of players that I admire; I try to learn from all

of the great masters both of the past and contemporary as well.

~Magnus Carlsen

I feel sorry for players who are always lying awake at night, brooding over their games.

~Magnus Carlsen

Not winning a tournament is not an option for me, unless it's no longer theoretically possible - then of course winning becomes impossible. But up to that point, not winning is just not an option.

~Magnus Carlsen

I enjoy hiking and skiing, like most Norwegians. In winter, there will be snow for months on end. In the summer, there are the long evenings to enjoy.

~Magnus Carlsen

My former coach, Simen Agdestein, used to be the best player in Norway.

~Magnus Carlsen

It's just not my nature to go around idolizing people.

~Magnus Carlsen

I'm not really into rap.

~Magnus Carlsen

I really enjoy the experience of playing humans. The psychological game is so much more important.

~Magnus Carlsen

I played like a child!

~Magnus Carlsen

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