# Twitter Thread by Max Gao



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## Rafael Nadal: “Thanks to Roger [Federer] for the words, no? I think, as everybody know, we have a very, very good relationship. We respect each other a lot. At the same time in some way I think he’s happy when I’m winning and I’m happy when he’s doing the things well.” #RG20

> pic.twitter.com/TzQhBeuwML
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> — Roger Federer (@rogerfederer) October 11, 2020

Rafael Nadal on Roger Federer’s congratulatory message on social media: “In some way for me means a lot the positive relationship that we have together because we have been going through a great rivalry for a very, very long time. Yeah, just can say thanks to him.” #RG20

Rafael Nadal, the King of Clay: “Doubts are part of the life. I always say the same, no? For me doubts are good because it mean that you don’t consider yourself too good.” #RG20

Rafael Nadal: “I was under doubt before the match. But it's true that my level of confidence and tennis have been improving every single day during the whole tournament. My feeling on the semifinal have been better.“ #RG20

Rafael Nadal: “The feeling of the ball, practicing even today in the morning, then the warmup, yesterday, my level of confidence hitting the ball have been going up every single day.” #RG20

Rafael Nadal on his confidence level going into today’s final: “I was not confident, because you can't be too confident going on court against Novak [Djokovic], but I have been positive thinking I will be able to play a good match.” #RG20

Pure class from Rafael Nadal: “We didn't enjoy, as always, a full crowd, an amazing atmosphere. So, yeah, not because I won the tournament I change my thoughts, no? The situation still sad. We are lucky enough to be able to practice, to play our sport, to have a tour.” #RG20

Nadal: “We can't thank enough to the ATP, #RolandGarros, the USO, to everybody who maked big efforts to organize events under these very difficult circumstances. But I don’t forget how tough is the situation in the world. I just really hope that the situation improves very soon.”

Rafael Nadal: “Of course I played at an amazing level of tennis, no? For two sets and a half I played great. I can’t say another thing. Is impossible to have this score against [Novak Djokovic] without playing great. Yeah, [I] played a very good final.“ #RG20




Rafael Nadal: “I played at my highest level when I needed to play at my highest level, so something I am very proud. The personal satisfaction is big. […] I was able to adapt well. I was able to be positive in every circumstances that I was facing during the whole event.” #RG20



Rafael Nadal: “I just tried to work every day with the right determination, looking for my goals. Yeah, I think is one of the #RolandGarros [titles] that have a better personal value for myself.” #RG20

Rafael Nadal said that he still hasn’t decided if he will play the ATP Finals in London or if he will stop after winning #RG20, but he will decide with his team soon. He feels it’s really important to “make the right decisions in every single moment.”

Rafael Nadal: “As you know, I am not a big fan of revenges, no? I just accept when the things are not going the way that I like. In Australia [last year], [Novak Djokovic] played amazing. For me was very difficult to play well because he played too good, just too good.” #RG20

Rafael Nadal: “Honestly, one month and a half ago if you tell me you’re going to have this trophy with you again, I will say, ‘This year will probably be too difficult.' In the sport, the life change quick. I did the things that I had to do with the big support of my team.“ #RG20

Nadal: “I had all the time my team next to me & supporting, especially in the tough days b/c is difficult to work every single day without a clear schedule. Is great to have such great professionals & great human beings next to me to push me & to help me in that tough days” #RG20

For more quotes from Rafael Nadal about tying Roger Federer’s Grand Slam record with his victory at #RG20, check out this thread: https://t.co/3Vfmk1R3jb

> Rafael Nadal on tying Roger Federer\u2019s Grand Slam record: \u201cI never hide that for me, I always say the same, that I would love to finish my career being the player with more Grand Slams. No doubt about that, no? But in the other hand I say, okay, I have to do my way.\u201d #RG20 pic.twitter.com/UIxo6puGKA
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> — Max Gao (@MaxJGao) October 11, 2020

That’s all for Rafael Nadal today! It’s been a pleasure to cover his 13th run to the RG title & I hope everyone has enjoyed my coverage of his press conferences.

If you haven’t already, I hope you consider giving me a follow b/c I will be covering some more events this fall. ✌■