

Pre-intermediate Video script Unit 7

Unit 7 Success stories

I = interviewer R = Roger E = Eden

I: Eden Silver from Essex is one of the best 12-year-old tennis players in Britain.

R: Take your time, take your time. That's it, now watch it.

I: For the last eight years, her father Roger has devoted his life to producing a tennis champion.

R: I'm going to give her the opportunity to realise her dreams and ambitions. Erm and I believe that she will be one of the top juniors in the world ... by the time she's 15 years old.

I: What's your dream do you think?

E: Being the number one professional tennis player in the world. And also playing in the Olympics, I'd like to.

I: Do you think you can do it?

E: Yeah, I think so. And I'd love to.

I: No matter what it takes?

E: Nope, no matter what it takes.

I: Roger's taken a huge gamble. He's pulled Eden out of school, given up his job and cashed in his savings leaving his wife and son at home for months at a time. Roger takes Eden round the world to seek out the best coaches, physios, and even racket stringers. Anyone that can give his daughter the edge. Roger takes his daughter Eden to California for a few months every year to be taught by the legendary tennis coach, Robert Lansdorp. A man who has transformed many children into champions. At two hundred pounds an hour, Lansdorp doesn't come cheap. But Roger believes he's a crucial element in propelling Eden to the top.

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Roger and Eden's whole year has been building towards the world Under 12s Tennis Championship in Florida. A win here would attract the sponsorship that Roger desperately needs to fund Eden's 80 thousand pounds a year tennis program. Eden's about to begin the toughest match of her career against the Russian number one.

Agents and sponsors have arrived to watch.

R: Good luck, fight hard, enjoy yourself, and just do what you do.

Come on!

I: The final set is an exhausting battle. It ends six-three, to the Russian.