

**TEXT INFORMATION** - Don't Think, Do! is a comedic podcast about the absurdity of sport featuring Cam (C) and Dave (D). In this episode they are discussing Rod Laver Arena, in Melbourne, which had recently hosted the Australian Open tennis. Transcript from Don't Think, Do! Episode 20. Recorded 20 January 2016.

### Key to transcription symbols

[word]	overlapping speech	?	Questioning intonation
@@@@@	laughter	<A A>	(Allegro) Fast paced utterance
<u>word</u>	emphatic stress	<L L>	(Largo) Slow paced utterance
...	medium pause	"word"	reported speech
.	short pause	word/	rising intonation
word\	falling intonation		

## Rod Laver's House

- 1 C It's it's original name...
- 2 actually bore a striking resemblance... to the sort of naming process that we've spoken about previously on this show
- 3 [Uhhhm]
- 4 D [Ahhh]
- 5 C So Rather than Flinders Park, it was actually
- 6 The National Tennis Centre at... Flinders Park
- 7 D @@@@@
- 8 Is that right?
- 9 C It was indeed
- 10 D aaaah. Tremendous
- 11 C And then/ ... for a very short period of time in the early 2000s...
- 12 it underwent a, uh, uh, a secondary name change
- 13 D uhm hmm
- 14 C ah, to Centre Court
- 15 D The entire complex was called...
- 16 C uh no no, just the Rod Laver Arena
- 17 D Centre Court?

18 oh, the. okay okay. yeah

19 C yeah, just Rod Laver Arena was uh,

20 [Centre court]

21 D [Centre court]

22 And then it became Rod...

23 C <F Rod Laver Arena F>

24 D Laver Arena. As part of Melbourne Park

25 C As part of the whole Melbourne Park, yeah. Yeah, so, it's had quite the uh, the naming history...

26 but the uh... the reason I go here Dave\

27 D hmmm

28 C <f is that I was watching some tennis the other night F>

29 D hmhhh

30 C and the camera kept flashing to, to the great Rod Laver

31 D Yep. Yes. He's in town.

32 C In town and in the stands, and the commentators just kept using this phrase...

33 "<L his house L>"

34 D [@@@@@]

35 C [@@@@@] The, the uh phrase was uh

36 D ahh, good

37 C here's uhm, "Rod taking a seat, front and centre, <L in his house L>"

38 D Yep

39 C Now, a couple of questions by me, Dave

40 D Yes, yes

41 C Firstly, does he need to buy a ticket to get into his house?

42 D @@@@

43 uhm, ah, look... I would assume not

44 C Nah, nope. no

45 D I'd assume he's got a seat

46 I mean... he's an elderly gentleman now, so uh

47 C uh, like he's, uhm, he's getting on

48 D and uh, our elderly, the elderly uh, citizenry of our society are often... known to have their sort of favourite chair

49 C [yup. yup]  
50 D [You know] perhaps it's a lazy-boy  
51 C Yup. yup.  
52 D or a comfortable recliner  
53 I imagine someone in the um. the autumn of their life would simply have a uh... <L comfortable chair L>  
54 and so, he doesn't need a ticket  
55 C .nope  
56 D he can just, he knows, he comes in, to his house  
57 C yup  
58 D and he knows that he'll just be able to sit down in  
59 C yup  
60 D his chair.  
61 C I like it, i like it.  
62 and and um... that's an arrangement befitting his um. his place in the game\  
63 D Indeed  
64 C Do you suppose, for tax purposes, it's set-up like a holiday house?  
65 D @@@@  
66 Most certainly  
67 C Yeah, yep.  
68 D I mean, and he, he rents it out to...  
69 C <A so he's just negatively gearing the mortgage on it A>  
70 D Yep  
71 rents it out to visitors a week at a time  
72 C hmmm  
73 D um ahhhh i imagine you know,  
74 C they treat it pretty... well, I think  
75 D they do  
76 C most of the time  
77 D they do when you get your um...  
78 I don't know who played there more recently  
79 maybe John Farnham maybe

80 C Pink's still going isn't she?

81 D Pink's I think on her sort of hundred and second week uh run

82 C yeah, yep yep

83 D But I imagine he's just sort of put it on Air Bnb/

84 C @@@@ yep

85 D And um, management of Coldplay or whatever get onto Air Bnb...

86 and book it for 7 nights and

87 C For rent... Rod Laver's House... um, accommodation: 15000

88 D Yep

89 C um, of utilised but kept in good condition

90 D Yep... Seventy bathrooms

91 C <L Seventy bathrooms L>

92 D Parking for a hundred

93 C Ample parking

94 D yeah, ample parking

95 C Um

96 D Close to major events

97 C <A Close to major events A>

98 D Close to transport

99 C Close to public transport, yup

100 and look, sounds like a good deal

101 D Yeah...

102 I mean, do uh, do you reckon um... Rocket

103 can we call him Rocket?

104 C I think we can

105 He's a fan of the show isn't he?

106 D I believe he is\

107 If there's one thing I know about Rod Laver\

108 He's an <L early L> adopter of technology\