B1 René Lacoste – A Great Tennis Champion.

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

René Lacoste was one of the best and most successful tennis players of the 20th century. The Frenchman (1) _____ the sport in the 1920s and early 1930s when he won many tennis (2) _____ in Europe and the America. Lacoste won seven Grand Slam titles and, (3) _____ with the French team, won the Davis Cup in 1927 and 1928.

Lacoste was called "The Crocodile" because of the (4) _____ he played tennis. He was always well-prepared and analysed the strengths and weaknesses of his (5) _____ . He was very (6) _____ at the beginning of a match and tried to find a way (7) _____ points. He would wait until the other player became weaker and then (8) _____ him to win the game.

After his career (9) _____ , Lacoste became a successful businessman. He (10) _____ a company that produced clothes for tennis players. A polo shirt with a crocodile on the chest quickly became (11) _____ all over the world. Even today, almost a hundred years (12) _____ , Lacoste is still a well-known label in the world of sports.

1	ruled	dominated	controlled	led
2	tournaments	competitors	battles	races
3	as one	all together	joined	together
4	respect	condition	way	state
5	opponents	enemies	challenges	friends
6	polite	patient	understanding	tolerant
7	count	cut	mark	score
8	attacked	hit	struck	affected
9	has ended	had ended	has been ended	was ended
10	founded	found	located	discovered
11	standard	common	popular	likely
12	ago	later	ever	more

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