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Nick Kyrgios

Flash Interview



N. KYRGIOS/F. Tiafoe

6-7, 7-6, 6-2

Q. Tonight was an amazing match, but to get through two matches, physically and mentally, to do that was just incredible. How were you able to do it?

NICK KYRGIOS: It wasn't easy, to be honest. Playing Reilly this morning in the heat was not ideal. Came out fast and strong, got it done. Then I was able to just get some rest and eventually just pull through. An amazing match with Frances. I knew it was going to be crazy. I'm just glad that today's over and I can get some rest.

Q. The atmosphere, obviously unbelievable. Amazing, sitting on the sideline, to watch. How does it feel being out here, being in that atmosphere and saving all those match points, of course?

NICK KYRGIOS: Yeah, look, I don't even think about it as match point or not. At the end of the day, if I lose, I lose. I'm going to shake that person's hand and say, "Too good."

That's all I did. I put myself in a position to stay in the match, and I felt, my experience, he was getting the crowd up and involved early on. I wasted a little bit of energy early.

It's tough conditions out here. You lose a lot of fluids out here, and my serve towards the end kicked up to another gear. I felt like I had fresh legs at the end. Serving 130 in these conditions is pretty helpful. I'm really happy where I'm at.

Q. Would you mind just briefly also talk about the end of the second tiebreak? I know it's insane out there and you saved a lot of match points. What's going on over there?

NICK KYRGIOS: You know, Frances put himself in every position to win the match. You know, in those moments I wasn't really thinking too much. I was just trying to stay in the match and I survived.

Then, you know, I felt like physically I was really fresh in the third set and served well. I was, you know, extremely lucky at times, but it was just a great match.

Q. What are the emotions?

NICK KYRGIOS: Tired, obviously playing two matches again tomorrow, singles and then doubles afterwards. You know, this week has been difficult with rain and with just late matches, drug testing, everything. So it's been really tough to just get a good sleep.

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