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## Novak Djokovic

Press Conference



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N. DJOKOVIC/L. Sonogo

6-3, 6-7, 6-2

(ATP flash interview)

**Q. You served up two wonderful matches on the same day. What was the one quality that served you best of all in tonight's match?**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC: I think I bounced back very well after the second set. I lost the first game Love-40, 30-40, missed a forehand down the line. Maybe if he started with a break up in the third things would look differently.

But I also had my chances. I have only myself to blame for not closing the match in two sets. At the end of the day he is showing why he reached his first semifinals. He's a quality player. Not easy to play against him. Obviously he had the crowd behind him. It was an electric atmosphere out there on the court.

In the end I managed to close out the match.

**Q. You are into your 11th final here. It will be the sixth time you've met Rafa for the trophy. What can you promise people watching around the world tomorrow?**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC: Well, first of all I need to recover. That's what I'm focused on honestly. I don't have much time, I played a lot of tennis. Hopefully I'll have fresh legs because that's what I definitely will need. It's necessary in order to have a chance against Rafa.

He also had some tough matches, obviously myself, with rain delays and everything that has happened today. Hopefully tomorrow I'll be fresh and I'll give it all.

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