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## Novak Djokovic

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THE MODERATOR: We'll start with questions.

**Q. Could you please explain why you weren't able to perform at your highest level today.**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC: Congratulations to my opponent. It's the first time I faced him. Great player. Really quality player. All-around game.

Yeah, I just wasn't able to find any kind of good feelings on the court, to be honest, with striking the ball. Yeah, I was completely off.

**Q. Was this related at all to the bottle incident? Were you feeling anything from what happened on Friday night?**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC: I don't know, to be honest. I have to check that. Training was different. I was going for kind of easy training yesterday. I didn't feel anything, but I also didn't feel the same.

Today under high stress, it was quite bad - not in terms of pain, but in terms of this balance. Just no coordination. Completely different player from what it was two nights ago.

Could be. I don't know. I have to do medical checkups and see what's going on.

**Q. What is your mindset before Roland Garros at this point?**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC: Same like always (smiling).

**Q. What do you think you need to look at as you lead up to Roland Garros and after Roland Garros ahead of the Olympics, as well?**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC: Well, everything. Everything needs to be better in order for me to have at least a chance to win

it.

**Q. I was just wondering whether you thought, given the difference between training and how you played on the court today, whether there might be a risk of what happened to you could affect your chances of participating at Roland Garros?**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC: As I told you, I didn't do any scans or any tests. Right now, I feel like I should do it, so...

I will do it and let's see. Let's see what's happening.

**Q. Can you tell us more what happened the night where you received the bottle. How did you understand it?**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC: I mean, I think in the video you saw it very clearly. It was a very unfortunate, unlucky situation for me. It was an accident where that guy leaned over the fence, and the bottle dropped from his rucksack and landed directly on my head.

It was unexpected obviously. I wasn't even looking up. Then I felt a very strong hit in the head. That has, yeah, really impacted me a lot. After that I got the medical care. Been through half an hour, an hour of nausea, dizziness, blood, a lot of different things.

I managed to sleep okay. I had headaches. The next day or yesterday was pretty fine, so I thought it's okay. Maybe it is okay. Maybe it's not.

I mean, the way I felt on the court today was just completely like a different player entered into my shoes. Just no rhythm, no tempo, no balance whatsoever on any shot.

It's a bit concerning.

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