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Q. From the match, what were the feelings on the court? You lost two times to him. But today it felt really different the way he managed to solve the problem at the beginning of the match. He changed the way of playing at the beginning, no?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: I don't know. I think he plays similar when he plays on clay all the time. He depends a lot on defense. He depends a lot on the mistakes from other opponents.

Today was difficult for me to hit winners. It was very slow, very, very heavy. The balls were getting very big. Even though I had my chances, I was up three set points, four set points in the first set on my serve. Usually I should win that set and then we'll see.

Yeah, like I said, it was difficult today.

Q. Do you complain about the balls?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Balls were a joke today. Generally speaking this is a subject we've had over the last three, four years now. Players are talking about it all the time.

They say we play with the same ball in Monaco, Madrid, Munich. Then we come here and the ball is totally different. The ball is very, very big. It's very difficult to hit winners here. It's just how it is these days.

Of course, for me, for my game style, today was not easy because at the end of the day I'm still somebody that tries to play aggressive. I'm still somebody that tries to serve very fast. That's how it is. It's difficult to get free points today.

Q. Just few points made the difference today. You played an amazing match with Fils. The title in Munich. Do you feel more confident...



ALEXANDER ZVEREV: The match with Fils yesterday was very high level. Today I think the level dropped a lot. But it is how it is.

As I said, conditions were not the easiest for me, for my game style. I think they benefited him a lot. That's how it is. That's tennis.

I have to move forward and I have to plan myself to Paris and do the best that I can there.

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