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Dino Prizmic

Press Conference

D. PRIZMIC/N. Djokovic

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THE MODERATOR: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the press conference of Dino Prizmic. First of all, congrats, Dino. You just beat your idol Novak Djokovic on court to get the biggest win of your career. Would you also say this is one of the most exciting moments of your career so far?

DINO PRIZMIC: Yeah, it was big moment for me. It was also big thing to share the court with a legend. So yeah today, I mean, I played unbelievable. I'm very happy about my performance today.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. How was it playing Novak this time compared to a couple of years ago?

DINO PRIZMIC: Now he didn't play for a while, so it was easier. But again, it was for me very hard. Especially first set he played unbelievable. I just tried to stay in the match and tried to stay focused. In the end it was good.

Q. How were you able to stay so calm?

DINO PRIZMIC: I mean, I just want to enjoy every moment on the court and play my best tennis and that's it, yeah.

Q. How does it feel to beat your idol? You must be on Cloud 9, must be feeling amazing?

DINO PRIZMIC: Yeah, now feeling is amazing. But yeah, in two days I have another match, so I just need to recover as much as I can for the next match and also to play as much as I can my best tennis. Try to play, yeah, that's it.

Q. If we don't take into consideration the last weeks and maybe the tournament of Umag, in your career you hadn't won so much main draw ATP matches. In some weeks now you have beaten Berrettini, Shelton, now Djokovic. What's happened?

DINO PRIZMIC: It's now hard to say something. Maybe



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now I played a couple of matches on ATP Tour, so maybe this level from ATP, I played like lots of matches in a row. I feel very confident on court.

Maybe I would say is the key, that I played a lot of matches, very good matches. Every time I was very close. But today, especially today, I just want to enjoy on the court, play my best tennis.

Q. When you were coming up through the game, watching Novak on the TV, would you imagine you would beat him in a tournament this important?

DINO PRIZMIC: Not really, to be honest. Not really. But today it happened. I mean, I prepared very good with my team. I recovered very well. Yeah, today I step on court and I say I will try to play as much as I can and we will see what will happen.

Yeah, at the end of the first set I felt his level is a little bit dropped. In the beginning of the second set, I was up 2-0. I was, Now I can play against him, yeah.

Q. Djokovic told us he wasn't expecting this quality from your forehand. Do you think this shot is the best that you improved in the last period?

DINO PRIZMIC: Yeah, I would say maybe, yeah, the forehand. Especially today I felt my forehand unbelievable. Yeah, I played as much as I can my forehand on the court. Definitely today my forehand was very important to play very good. Yeah, but also on the court I felt unbelievable today.

Thank you.

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