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THE MODERATOR: How does it feel about being French No. 1?

ARTHUR RINDERKNECH: What is my feeling, my take on this new position? Well, I'm very honored. I hope that it will help me to have wonderful months and years to come in my career.

THE MODERATOR: Questions in French.

Q. What's your take on the consistency in your match play? How do you feel physically? Aren't you a bit tired? Because every time you have had great achievements but you had to go through the quallies.

ARTHUR RINDERKNECH: Well, I managed to play back-to-back quite well. I managed to hold my own.

So physically speaking I'm doing well. Of course I'm a bit tired, but there is no more physical glitches. This is why I had to be out of courts during this spring, especially because of my wrist. I had some difficulties, and I didn't know how I would get out of this problem.

For three, four months I had to be out of courts so I didn't have a full season either. This is why maybe now I managed to have a lot of matches back to back.

I'm fresh. There are no more physical glitches. I'm still fine. This is why I managed to have wonderful weeks. This is what is important, and this is what matters.

Q. You're very offensive, so are you waiting for the coming weeks with impatience?

ARTHUR RINDERKNECH: Well, not especially. I had this label when I started on the main tour, because I was playing mainly indoor. And my coach and myself, we said that I was certainly very comfortable, I would be very comfortable normally on dirt, and I had all the best achievements during the dirt ball season. I managed to beat the top 20 on clay, so that showed that I was also a good dirt baller.

It's the season. I managed to play well right now. It's the indoor season right now. So it goes hand in hand together.

I played well in August, and it was on clay outdoors. If my body is fine, if I manage to prep well, this is when I manage to be efficient in my level of play.

I'm not impacted if I manage to prepare well every time.

Q. To go back to your wrist problem, did you feel that it actually impacted you for a long time? Because you couldn't actually play a lot of matches back to back.

ARTHUR RINDERKNECH: Yes, I talked about it earlier. I don't like to discuss this too much, because these were not fun months. It came up in Australia. End of July I didn't have any wrist problem anymore.

So between February and beginning of August, I couldn't play a single match 100%. I had a lot of pain when I could play. I missed three months all in all. So it was a period that was quite tough for me.

Now I'm back on 100%, and every time I manage to be 100%, I manage to have achievements. That shows that when I can play well, then I have results. That means that I can do it.

Now I just have to go on. I hope that there will not be any wrist issue anymore. So I look forward, I play tennis, I enjoy myself, and this is what is important.

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