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Arthur Rinderknech

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6-7, 6-3, 6-4

(In French.)

THE MODERATOR: Questions in French.

Q. According to you, what was missing today? Were you as exhausted as the end of the match in Shanghai?

ARTHUR RINDERKNECH: It was different from Shanghai. The match was completely different, anyway. There wasn't much missing, actually, in terms of offensiveness and winners. He deserves his victory, you know.

Q. From a tactical point of view, how was the match different from Shanghai's match?

ARTHUR RINDERKNECH: On both sides there were some developments. Even if we had prepared the match in Shanghai with Lucas, he was with me today, so it was different. I'm not going to get into the tactical details, but there were some differences.

The conditions were different. We were indoors. It's not the same. Again, even if the score is the same, the match was not the same.

Q. During the last set, at the beginning of the third set, we felt you had the weapons to overplay him. Why didn't it work?

ARTHUR RINDERKNECH: Well, for the same reason that I couldn't win the match and Val won the match. There was one or two points where I lacked offensiveness. I didn't go for my shots enough. I was clumsy. I should have gone for my shots more.

There were some winners missed on my side and there are some wonderful points where he has lets and framed shots and wins the breakpoint. Maybe if we do the match again, he could have returned the ball in the stand, and I

could have broken him and I would have won 6-4, and it would have been a totally different match.

That's what tennis is all about. He plays extremely well if you just look at the results and the players that he defeats. We played an incredible match. It was very enjoyable.

I put up an ultimate fight from beginning to the end with everything I had. It didn't work for me.

I also have confidence, but he's also riding a wonderful momentum, and he deserves it. He's riding a strong momentum. He's on a good streak, and he went for his shots. He was offensive, and it suited him well. Maybe it suited him better than for me, actually. And this is how he won.

Q. It is possible that you end up the season as No. 1 Frenchman. Is it important for you or don't you care about that at all?

ARTHUR RINDERKNECH: It's extremely important. Well, let's not say "important" but rather that it's a great pride for me. I don't want to talk about the past really, but when we look back five, six months back, and I look at my tennis with some hindsight, mentally speaking, it's a great source of pride and joy.

As for this loss, I don't want to overthink about this. I don't want this conference to last forever, but there's a lot of positive points, and I will rejoice in this. I'm really lucky to have a great team around me.

There's the Davis Cup coming up. I was selected by Paulo, I'm lucky. And I really want to do well with the team and to place France where it should be in the ranking.

Besides that, on a personal note, I will be proud to end up No. 1 Frenchman. If it's not the case, it isn't that much of a matter anyway.

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