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## Felix Auger-Aliassime

Press Conference



F. AUGER-ALIASSIME/V. Vacherot

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THE MODERATOR: Questions in English.

**Q. Felix, you're considered to be probably the best player on indoor hard surfaces in the venues. Can you tell me, how does this conclusion figure out in your preparations for such tournaments? What are the exact advantages that you put into action with having this in mind?**

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Indoor? Yeah, yeah.

Well, I try to play well everywhere. You know, it happened in my career so far that I've won seven of my eight tournaments on indoor. I had made some finals before on every surface, but obviously there's no secret that I found my best success in indoor.

But there's no different preparation, or when I make my calendar, I don't say, Okay, I'm going to try to be ready for the indoor and the clay doesn't matter.

I try to be ready. But I just feel like I find the best efficiency indoors with my serve. I can be more consistent. Sometimes you play outside and if there's wind or different conditions or it's cold or hot, it's more difficult for me to establish my game and to be consistent throughout the tournament.

So it's something I have to work on. I have to find ways to be even more consistent, you know, on outdoor and other surfaces. But I've had in the past, and I think if I do the right work, I'll be able to produce same level on every surface.

**Q. Congratulations on your win. Since you lost in your hometown in Canada, you have achieved quarterfinals or better in every tournament. You can even end playing in Turin this season. What has changed in your mentality to be this consistent?**

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Well, actually, I had a great start of the year the first two months. I had the most wins on tour. Because I had a great preparation, physically I started the year feeling great. Then I lost a couple of matches, and looking back I think I lost maybe too much confidence with a couple of losses.

But, you know, sometimes that's what the tour does to you. You feel like, oh, you're playing well, and it's normal that sometimes you feel physically or mentally a bit weaker, and then you lose a couple.

I think I just went, you know, a bit too far with my confidence. Because I was playing very good, and then once I was able to kind of, you know, feel that same confidence again and feel that, no, like, look, I have everything in my game to beat all the best players in the world, that was around, after French Open time and the grass, and then I started playing better and better the last couple of semifinals on grass.

But after that, you know, you can lose some matches, but I felt like every practice, every day I was playing some good tennis, and now it's paying off and I'm able to stay consistent.

THE MODERATOR: Questions in French.

**Q. Did you feel good today? Were you in the zone today? Was it Valentin's game that actually was easy for you?**

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: No, I think that I said yesterday that I did my best set to wrap up the match at 6-2 for me. It was my first match on the center court. Throughout that match I managed to feel better.

I tried to keep these good bearings for this match. I tried to focus on my own game, and this is what I did. Everything that was in my control I actually could roll out, and sometimes I had good ideas and I managed to implement that.

But sometimes you might have some tactical ideas, and sometimes the opponent adjusts his game accordingly,



and you have to find an option B, option C. And for this time, my option A worked actually, and I could manage to roll this out until the end.

**Q. It's tempting to make a comparison with your run three years ago. You were 6 worldwide, and then afterwards it was more complicated. We thought it was the beginning of your rise in the ranking. Why are you optimistic now? You're back in the top 10. You're having a good run at the Masters. What are you going to do to make sure this is sustainable and to stay where you belong, in the top 10?**

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Well, the future will tell. That's my goal, obviously. I always believed, despite what happened throughout the years, because as you said, when I was 22, I was 6 worldwide. I knew there was adjustments needed, but with ills and woes, I actually managed to learn as a sportsman.

Everything went well until the age of 22, and then there were some issues. But it's not dramatic. I managed to learn when experiencing this rough patch with my close ones, with my staff, how I could actually be in control of myself and my career.

Now I feel more mature than at 22. And it's funny, looking back. When I think about this ranking and this level, my mindset is different. When you're on the rise, you think, oh, what's happening if I drop down? What if I'm grabbing some spots, and all of a sudden I'm going down again? And this is not the case here.

**Q. Compared with Valentin, we often talk about breakthrough seasons. You have had a different breakthrough season yourself. What could be the traps after such a breakthrough at that level? The opponents will know him better, they will study his game. What will be difficult for him in the months and years to come for him?**

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: It depends on his mentality. Either you anticipate all these difficulties or you actually anticipate all that is positive.

I think he'd rather be world No. 40 than 204. If I were him I would say, well, it was a wonderful season. I actually had a breakthrough. Of course, the opponents will know him better, but he'll learn to know his game better, he'll learn how to improve his game as well. So it's a wonderful situation in which he is right now.

We shouldn't think and look ahead too much and think about everything that could happen. He's a nice guy, and I wish him the best. His season was exceptional, and I think

it can carry on.

**Q. You said in English that you had lost confidence at one point during your season. How did you manage to gain confidence again? Did you have some trigger points, something that helped you?**

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: You know, everything is all about work. Even if some situations were very positive, you could have some conversation with your family, with your relatives, with your staff where I would say I'm not satisfied with the situation where I'm in, what could I do to change the situation, to change the momentum, and to be back on track.

My level was not also that far behind. It's just that I would lose some tournaments like what happened in Dubai. I needed to be back on track in terms of confidence, and for this I needed to work, to work on my fitness, but also on insecurity, because you have insecurity after you lose. But then I needed to work in the right way consistently every day to be more accurate on my game.

And then after some time, it pays off. I managed to control my game much better.

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