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Carlos Alcaraz

Press Conference



C. ALCARAZ/T. Fritz

6-7, 7-5, 6-3

THE MODERATOR: Carlos, congratulations. That was a tough battle. Can you walk us through the match, how you turned it around after losing the first very close set.

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, it was really, really difficult match. Really demanding physically. It was really tight. I saved really difficult and important moments during the match, which I'm really proud of and really happy about it to show a really good tennis when it matters.

So really important, important win for me. Yeah, really happy to get another win here in the ATP Finals.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Carlos, you just said it was an important win. How much in that match was the year-end No. 1 ranking coming into your mind? This would be giving you an important step to confirm a semifinal position as well. Did those two things come into your mind during the match?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, at the beginning I'm trying not to think about it, to be honest. But it's really difficult, no, not to think about the No. 1 spot.

At the beginning of the match I thought a little bit about it. During the match there were a lot of things to think about. The No. 1, the thought about the No. 1, was gone.

In my mind I was thinking about how can I turn around the match because I had really difficult moments. I wasn't playing that good, I guess. I didn't feel as good as the match against de Minaur, for example.

I thought about to find a way just to trying to come back or to win the match. The No. 1 thoughts I didn't think about it at all during the match. I was just trying to get the win, how it is possible.

Good that I got it. Obviously was a really important step for classify to the semifinal.

Q. Your match finished a couple of hours ago. What is your routine post match? I imagine you have so many things to do. Is the press conference the last thing you do before leaving? What are you going to do tonight?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Depends on the match. Depends on the day. There are some days after the match that I come straight to the press conference, then I do everything else after all. Today was a little bit different.

I was tired, so I wanted to cool down a little bit, take the shower, eat something, then probably the press conference the last thing before going back to the hotel and get treatment.

This (indiscernible) match that we call just to get everything ready to recover as good as you can, as fast as you can for the next round.

Q. Taylor praised your level after the match. He praised your sense of anticipation. He said Carlos is always guessing where the ball is going to go. Question is simple: how do you do that?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Just I'm trying to be in his mind before he hitting (smiling).

I don't know. Just depends. We study a lot the players in some matches or in the easy balls where he's going to hit more often. Sometimes he change, the players change. But there are always a spot that he feel more comfortable to hit in a difficult moment or in a pressure moment. We study that and we try to have that instinct to go to that side and praying that he's going to be to that side.

I think today I went to the correct side couple of times. So probably after all he felt a little bit in pressure in that ball. That why he missed a little bit.

But it was just thinking about one side and go for it



(smiling).

Q. Do you feel a little like a goalkeeper against a penalty? Same mindset more or less?

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Yeah, I mean, it is like a goalkeeper going for the penalty. It's just thinking about it, thinking like if I'm in his position where I should hit. That's why. Just think of one side and go for it. Sometimes it works, sometimes it isn't.

Yeah, to do like that.

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