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Felix Auger-Aliassime

Press Conference



F. AUGER-ALIASSIME/A. Zverev

6-4, 7-6

THE MODERATOR: Felix, congratulations on making your first Nitto ATP Finals semifinal.

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Thank you.

THE MODERATOR: Could you walk us through the match today, and what do you think was the key?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Intention really. In a match like this, there's going to be ups and downs. At the end I think it's having the right intentions that got me through. Not perfect tennis, but it was enough.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. You're not only in the semifinal, but you are reaching your best ranking. You will be at least No. 5. If you win the tournament even more. It makes a difference for a player to be top 5? Is more important to make the semifinal?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: No, both are great. Whenever as a player you go to a stage that you've never been in terms of results or ranking, it's always a positive. For me it's the first semifinal in this event. Potentially we'll see No. 5. I was 6, so one more is nice (smiling).

Q. Here and in the tour in general, players seem to be physically or mentally exhausted or both. You look like you're kind of enjoying it. It shouldn't be so rare, but it feels like it is. Is that the case? What is your secret?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: I don't know how guys don't enjoy it, to be honest. I think they lost perspective completely. I get that you can get tired. I'm tired, too. I do trips around and I go see different circumstances around the world. I mean, we're just lucky and blessed.

In my humble opinion, every day I wake up and I enjoy. I enjoy that I'm here. Even if I lose matches, it's okay, I'm pissed for a day.

I don't know. If you want to play less tournaments, stay home. Nobody's forcing you to be here.

Q. Since 2020, nobody won more matches indoor than you, 85. I tried to give myself an explanation. Maybe it's because where you come from, Canada. When you're a kid, you train, you get used to perfect conditions? Here in Italy it's clay, outdoors...

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Probably a big part because half of the year I was training indoors. I was doing trips outside of Canada to play tournaments in Italy or France, but I played a lot of indoors.

I think my game style was geared more towards serving, being aggressive, taking risk, which sometimes if I'm playing in wind or different conditions, it cannot pay off. As a professional, then I became better everywhere.

I think always indoors was my favorite.

Q. You came bouncing back after the Paris final. Let's say you decided to take a free take at fate by not playing in Metz. You're playing in the semifinals. Would you say this resilience or ability to bounce back is your newfound quality, something that was forged through time, something you're especially counting on in the future?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Well, two different things. I think the ability to bounce back or the resilience is something I've built over a lot of years. I had some success in my career, but also difficult times.

As we observed, the last few years weren't always great. I think I was able to build character and tougher skin through those moments. So I'm better now.

Then with these choices, like not playing Metz, I think it's having more belief if I do what I think is right for me, without comparing myself, looking at what others do, then I



will get rewarded, maybe not immediately but in the future.

I'm glad that my decision paid off and I'm now in the semifinals here.

Q. When you lose a match on tour, you're pissed off for one day, you said.

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Yes.

Q. The taste of loss against Jannik or Carlos, is it different from the taste of any loss on tour, the fact that they are so high? Is it easier to continue after that? The fact is you won two matches playing good tennis.

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Yeah, different matches. I think Paris was more of a complete match level-wise. Obviously I struggled physically after the first set the first day here.

It still stings. It's not nice to lose against anybody. You always prepare yourself, any match, that you're going to win. I don't prepare to lose.

You also have to have perspective and think not many players are beating them. But for me it's about spending time on court with them, seeing what works, and then hopefully getting closer and closer.

One day you have to start beating them more than once if you want to be like a 'rival'. If you win once in a blue moon, you're not really a rival of theirs.

Q. Was there a moment, especially in the second set, where you had in mind what you can achieve and maybe got a little nervous? What was the key in the end to win today?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: No, I wasn't thinking about the future. It was tough because at the start of the second, I was playing better. I had chances. I was creating a lot of break points. Two of those games when I didn't win, like 3-2, long game, yeah, it was tough to forget about that. I think that's maybe what made me more tense than thinking about what I could achieve.

Thank you.

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