Nitto ATP Finals

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Inalpi Arena,Torino

Alexander Zverev

Flash Quotes

A. ZVEREV/D. Medvedev

7-6, 6-4

Q. The match you were hoping for?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Yeah, for sure. I think a lot of you guys think that I hope that good players always lose so I have an easier kind of path, but for me, I enjoy the challenge. I enjoy the challenge of playing the best in the world.

Carlos, for sure, the way he's been playing since his comeback, has been one of the best players in the world, maybe "the" best player in the world.

I look forward to tomorrow. I look forward to playing a tough match.

Q. You didn't lose your serve. Do you feel unbreakable, something like this?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: I feel good on my serve. But again, I think tomorrow I'm going to play the best returner in the world, so we'll see how that goes.

Q. Last time you played Carlos it was in Melbourne. Is it true that that match change your season and maybe your game?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: I don't think it changed my season. I think it gave me confidence in what I was trying to do this year. I talked about it a lot. I was trying to change my game, trying to play a different kind of tennis.

That match proved to me that it's the right thing to do. Even though I lost the match, I said so many times I was quite happy, even though I lost, you know. I think that was the start of something good this year, yeah.

Q. Do you remember by chance a match that you played against Medvedev in 2013 in Prato? You were 16 and 17.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Yes, I remember.

Q. You lost 6-4 in the third.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: It's funny that you remember this.

Q. I was there.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: You were there?

Q. Yeah.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Oh, my God. Are you that bored? (Laughter.)

Yeah, I remember the match. It was an outdoor clay tournament and we played the final set indoors and I lost in the final set. I was very upset.

But yeah, it was the first time I played against Daniil, actually. Back then -- you know, sometimes you think that he has a little bit of funny technique. Back then his technique was really, really funny. Yeah.

Obviously he was not as strong as he is now. He didn't have the timing that he has now. So it was always a bit strange.

But you could always see how talented he was, because only him, in some situations, he could (indiscernible) the ball on a coin. Started already back then. I'm very happy with how both of our careers went.

Q. To be eight months younger, it helped?

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Today?

Q. No, then.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Back then?

Q. Eight months younger, makes a difference when you're a junior.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Well, it should help for him, no?

Q. Yeah.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: I don't know. I don't remember that exact... I remember that I lost the match, yeah.

Q. Given the year you've had, would it be extra sweet to get a win over Alcaraz or Sinner? Can't beat Sinner, obviously.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Yeah, this year it's going to be tough to beat Sinner.

Look, I think any time it's nice to get a win against these two, because they've definitely been the best players in the world since 2022, so last four years, I would say. They basically won everything, and then I came along this year and I have won a few things.

But for sure, they were the benchmark, and they always are kind of the benchmark. I look forward to the challenge.

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