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## **Diego Schwartzman**

**Press Conference** 

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Your next opponent is Casper Ruud. Can you talk a little bit about this next match and your head-to-head? You met him in Cincy and lost.

DIEGO SCHWARTZMAN: Yeah, yeah, we played two times this year. I think he's right now one of the best on tour. I mean, he's top 5 in the world playing right now. He's doing finals. Every week he's winning tournaments. I think the last five tournaments he play he won four.

I was with him also in the Laver Cup. He played unbelievable the first day against Opelka. Right now it's very difficult to play against him, because when you're playing against an opponent who is playing like this and have a lot of confidence, it's very difficult, you know.

But I have to improve my tennis. It's okay right now, but I have to improve. I have to find a way to maybe have the chance. But obviously right now it's very difficult because he have the confidence, he's playing good, he's serving good. I mean, he's doing everything almost perfect right now.

So it's going to be a tough match. I beat him many times. He beat me already two times this year. So let's see what happen.

You know, I have to improve. Maybe he's a little bit tired. Maybe he has a bad day after too many good days. So let's see (smiling).

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