

# BNP Paribas Open

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## Taylor Fritz

Press Conference



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4-6, 6-3, 6-1

THE MODERATOR: Taylor, a tough one out there. How did you turn it around after the first set?

TAYLOR FRITZ: I just stopped making super-random mistakes. For the first set and a half, I just, for no reason, was just missing balls. I couldn't even imagine, I don't know why I was missing them.

But even with that, it was still a tight match, so I knew if I just cleaned it up and stopped giving away so many free points that I could probably turn it around.

**Q. Was it just a sloppy start? Was that what was going on?**

TAYLOR FRITZ: Yeah, I mean, it was actually not awful in the beginning. The wind, like, every day since I have been here and honestly in past years, has kind of always gone one way. So I switched sides after the first game and thought I was against the wind, because that's the way it always goes. So I blasted three balls long on my first service game thinking I was against the wind when I was with the wind. So kind of just unlucky I misread it. So started down a quick break but played pretty well to get the break back.

Then, yeah, after that, it was just really sloppy. It's probably just a bit of the wind, a bit of rust, because I, you know, I took, like, you know, two weeks, maybe not quite two weeks, but didn't touch a tennis ball until the Tuesday before, like couple days ago.

So I think could just be that.

**Q. You said the other day you were feeling about 80%. Has that percentage risen or do you feel better?**

TAYLOR FRITZ: I feel healthy. I feel healthy. But yeah, I'm not going to feel as good tennis-wise as I have been, like, playing a lot of tennis and super confident, just because, yeah, had to take some time off to get it better.

I'm not going to, I guess, feel like I have the proper prep.

I knew I was going to have to play myself kind of into the tournament, and I'm doing that.

**Q. You played Jack Draper three times last year and all three matches went the distance. When you see his name against yours in a draw these days, what are you thinking? What are you expecting from him?**

TAYLOR FRITZ: Yeah, it's going to be a tough match. I think it's a tough draw to get him in the round of 16 as a top-4 seed. He's a very good player. I think he's probably better than his ranking is, and yeah, we have had some tight ones.

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