

# BNP Paribas Open

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## Alexander Zverev

Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Questions.

**Q. Well played. It's a pretty impressive stat, semis at all nine Masters. Wonder if you can talk about the longevity, the legacy, consistency, the ability to do it on all surfaces?**

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Yeah, it's very special to be one of five players in history to ever do it. For sure, yeah, it's something that I'm very proud of. Yeah, it's a great thing to have in your career.

**Q. Arthur and you guys have had a pretty back-and-forth a little bit. Today was pretty solid in your favor. What were you able to do to make it look fairly simple?**

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: I think I played quicker today than the last couple of matches. I think I took the time away and the ability for him to be extremely aggressive. I took that away from him, and when I'm able to do that, I think it's quite helpful for me.

**Q. It's either Learner or Jannik in the next round. Let's say that it is Jannik. It's been a while since you have been able to get the upper hand on him. How has he made it difficult for you? What are your thoughts on the challenge? Are you excited to face him?**

ALEXANDER ZVEREV: Yeah, I think we had quite tight matches. Even the last few were very tight except the one in Paris where I was hurt.

It's always a challenge. He's been one of the two best players in the world the last two years. Him and Carlos won all the Grand Slams and all the big events. Of course it's a challenge, but it's a challenge I'm looking forward to.

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