Davis Cup Finals

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Team Canada Captain Frank Dancevic Felix Auger-Aliassime Vasek Pospisil Milos Raonic Gabriel Diallo Alexis Galarneau

Press Conference (transcribed from video)

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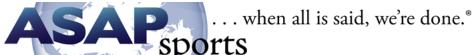
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Currently, you know, we have the men as top ranked in the world and the women as well. We're definitely enjoying it. For me, it's been nice to have been part of that journey. I've seen the growth of the sport in our country and we'll just try and keep riding that wave as long as possible.

If you look back 12 years ago when Milos and I started on the pro circuit, we never would have thought that we would be where we are today, that's for sure.

Q. How much of an inspiration was the women's performance in Seville for you and the rest of the team?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Amazing, yeah. That it happens just before we go for the Davis Cup, they're putting the pressure on us now, which is good. It's good to have both men's and women's tennis in our country both pushing each other to the highest ranking. It's a beautiful thing to think that we have both men and women No.1.

For me, growing up that seemed very far away, and I think for Vasek, Milos, and Frank, when they were playing, it was something tough to imagine. It speaks to how much we've grown as a country in this sport.

It was great to see the depth they have as well with Marina coming in and playing amazing tennis in her first Billie Jean King Cup. It shows that it's not just a few good players. There are many good players in our group.

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