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## Jannik Sinner

Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Jannik, congratulations for winning your first ever match in Shanghai, but also qualifying officially for the Nitto ATP finals in Turin next month. Just talk briefly about the match and about that achievement.

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, for sure. I mean, coming here for the first time it's, all the players basically say that this is an incredible event, and I as well was looking forward to come here, so I'm very happy that finally I have the chance to play here. Coming here, they treat us players in an incredible way, so it's really nice to be here.

And then talking about Turin, it was our main goal of the season. It's a good and nice feeling to be, yeah, that I can say that I can play in Turin for this year. Yeah, but the season is not finished yet. I want to finish strong, if I can. Here is a good chance to play good here for the first time, so let's see how it goes.

THE MODERATOR: Any questions? Please raise your hand.

**Q. Jannik, congratulations on your win today. You had to work hard early on, but how do you sum it up?**

JANNIK SINNER: I mean, it was a tough match today, for sure, but I knew this before the match already. I haven't had, obviously, so much time to adapt for these courts. That's why it means a lot to me to be able to win here the first round match. When I won in Toronto, but then I lost first round in Cincinnati, so I tried to avoid it here.

The conditions are a little bit more similar to Beijing and here, but still I had to fight very hard. I was a little bit lucky when he was up 6-5 in the breaker, but then I think in the second set, I raised the level a little bit, and I was able to play a little bit better.

**Q. Congratulations on the win today. You had a really crazy win in Beijing, both the semifinal and the final.**

**Can you talk about what did you get from those two wins?**

JANNIK SINNER: I mean, Carlos and Daniil, they are two completely different players, first of all, so you have to adapt the way you play a little bit. But still, for me, it's good when I play against them because I can see where I have to improve. I feel like they both make me a better player in every sense. So it's always nice to share the court with them.

But in the other way, you have to be very focused about yourself. If you want to play against these guys, you have to go always deep in the tournament and already this means that you have a good week usually when you play against them.

But in the other way, I just tried to improve. I know my weaknesses, and also my team knows, so every time when we step on court, we try to improve, which is, for us, the most important, especially also the physical side, we have to work a lot.

But this we know, so let's see. For us, for sure it's very important also the off season for the next year. We're going to work very hard and we'll see how it goes in the future.

**Q. Like you say, it's a very tight schedule recently for you. Could you talk about your feelings about physically and mentally right now? Because it's a very tense schedule for you recently.**

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, I mean, our schedule throughout the year is quite busy, so every time when you have a chance to practice, it's good for me, especially for me because I feel my body's not at the hundred percent. So we're going to work a lot on this from now on for the next couple of years, most likely, and trying to raise everything a little bit higher.

Sometimes, you know, like for us, when we take the weeks off or when we don't play tournaments or all this stuff, that's the moment when we are practicing quite hard to improve. We have done this already two or three times throughout

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this year, regardless about the results we are making in the tournament because we feel like that's good for my body, first of all, and also for the future. We just try to invest in my body and also trying to raise our level.

**Q. Jannik, your doubles partner in Shanghai just won a gold medal in Asian Games, which is quite huge in China. I'm wondering, have you seen his picture everywhere in his hometown and around the court?**

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah.

**Q. And also are you going to practice especially for doubles or just focus on singles?**

JANNIK SINNER: Yeah, he is very famous here, which is very nice to see. I know him because, like, five or six years ago we were in the same center to practice, and so I know him, I don't say really well, but I know him quite well, so it's nice that we finally are playing, yeah, doubles together, which makes it very special in a very special place, especially for him.

So I'm not going to lie. I'm not the best doubles player. I am going to try my best, but for sure we are going to have fun, which is the most important for us. I'm very happy about his achievement in the last tournaments. I know he won the gold medal here, and he's playing some awesome tennis, I saw also yesterday.

I think we both are going to stay focused about our singles, and I think also for him, it's really important the singles. When we are stepping on the doubles court, for sure we try to win this, yes, because if we participate in a doubles, we try to win as many matches as possible, but we also try to have a little bit more fun. It's the other side of doubles when two singles players play together.

So very happy that I have the chance to play with him, and I wish him all the best for, not only for this tournament, but all the future.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

JANNIK SINNER: Thank you.

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