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Perricard

Mixed Zone



G. MPETSHI PERRICARD/T. Fritz

6-4, 7-5

Q. How are you feeling after that incredible win, your first top-10 win?

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: Yeah, I'm feeling great. It was a good feeling to finally break through this tough wall against a top 10. Yeah, it was a good match, I can be proud of myself.

But at the end of the day, the tournaments are going on, another match, a good one in another 48 hours, so I'm going to try to improve some things I cannot do on this match.

Q. First time into the fourth round of a Masters 1000, you got to feel good about that. Can you just talk about the tournament so far.

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: Yeah, it's great to win some matches in a 1000. It wasn't a good year for me yet. I did some good and bad things, more bad than good. We're going to do a conclusion at the end of the year. There is plenty of tournaments, there is a lot of matches, a lot of points to get and, yeah, we will talk about it at the end of the season.

Q. How did you find the conditions out there, because it seemed like Taylor was really struggling. How did you push through?

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: It was tough, to be honest. Tough conditions, very humid, a lot of humidity. So the game at 5-5, it was terrible. I thought I was dying on the court. I mean, I try to stay steady on the ball and to put one more ball, one more, one more, and try to win the point. I mean, it was tough consecutive points, so I'm very happy to stand now on my both feet.

Q. You served really well, 12 aces, 76 percent on the

second serve, points won. You never faced a break point. It was probably one of your better serving matches of the season, would you say? I know you had a lot of good ones. Also, of course, to beat a top-10 player for the first time.

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: Yeah, I think so. I haven't checked the stats yet, so thanks for letting me know. But yeah, I did a good match overall. The serve was there, then the forehand and everything. I returned pretty well. He's a good server, Taylor. And, yeah, I tried to adjust some little things in my game, because at Wimbledon it was a tough one, very tough to move on. But, yeah, I'm very happy to get my serve, to have a good serve, and to get through it.

Q. I saw on the replay just now on Twitter, there was one shot you got where you almost did like a full rotation and changed hands. Does that kind of thing, does that just happen naturally, or did you actually sort of think when you did the change?

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: When I saw the ball behind my back I said, What am I going to do? I said, Maybe do a 360, you know? But it's tough to, you don't know where the ball is in the, you cannot see the ball, so you don't know where it is. I just put two hands on my racquet, because I'm more secure, and then I hit it. I thought it was going long, but, yeah, he touched it before it drops. But, yeah, I mean, it came naturally. You don't think, you cannot think in this kind of situation.

Q. Any special preparations for the round of 16?

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: No (laughing). No, no, I'm going to do what we did until now. Yeah, we're going to rest. Tomorrow it's a hot day, so it's going to be a recovery day, we're not going to do too much.

But, yeah, Holger is a good player. We faced each other in Toronto. I lost. It was a close one. Same in Basel. He's top 10, he's a good player. I'm going to try my best, and let's see at the end of the match.

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