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Felix Auger-Aliassime

Mixed Zone



F. AUGER-ALIASSIME/L. Musetti

6-4, 6-2

Q. Pretty solid performance out there after losing the last two to Lorenzo.

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Yeah, right. No, it was good. I know how I wanted to play, it's another thing to go and execute and do it. I think I served amazing. Probably the best this year. I don't know, it was crazy at times.

Outside of that, yeah, everything that I was trying to do was working really well, I was moving well, so of course happy with how I played.

Q. For the first three matches you've only been broken once. You've saved 13 of 14 break points. The serving is pretty solid overall.

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: The serving is solid overall. And then, yeah, a few situations in danger that I was able to save that got me to win in straight sets. I mean, doesn't happen every time, but obviously you take it when it happens.

Then, you know, afterwards, you have to say, also to give yourself some credit, you know, to be able to step up and hit your spots when you need to, and be able to stay cool under pressure. I'll take that, for sure. Hopefully that stays that way as long as I'm in the tournament.

Q. You're the first Canadian into the quarterfinals here ever, I think. How does that feel?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Really? I don't know. I mean, not much. I mean, it's always nice to, it's better to hear that than, I don't know, I'm like always the one losing or something, like a negative stat. It's nice to hear a positive stat about myself and my game, but it doesn't mean so much.

Q. Before here you missed a few weeks. We know the reason. I was wondering if when you were at home

you were worried about maybe coming back and playing a match like this, and how important is this win today, especially on the road for Turin?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: Man, I wasn't worried one second. I mean, I was getting married. If I'm worried about my tennis getting married, I have other problems. I mean, seriously. Like, I just spent the best two weeks of my life with my wife and her family and mine and my friends. I mean, it was an amazing time.

This tour can wait when you're in these moments. But seriously, yes, I had an amazing time on a personal level. Then you can kind of get a break. I came here earlier to train. I could have played in Tokyo or Beijing, but it was impossible with the lack of training I had in the past weeks.

I think it was the right decision to come here early, train, relax, and try to play a good tournament here.

Q. Compared with the last match, how better you felt you secured your tennis, because I felt that some of it was similar today, but in the moments you just outplayed Lorenzo.

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: I executed well. I executed at times almost perfectly. When you have days like this you take it, for sure. You have to stay open minded. You know that it's not going to be like this every time, so you need to find different ways sometimes to win. Look, if I play like this until the end, I'll be the first one to be happy, but let's see.

Q. You next face Rinderknech, who has had an amazing run, ousted several seeded players. What are you most worried about? What's your strategy?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: His serve. He's got a great serve. You have to be careful. Anybody that, you know, it's tough to win a match with just like say a forehand or a backhand. But with a serve you can stay in a match, and you can win matches with that one shot. If he does that well, he can push me deep in sets.

I think both times we played this year maybe we had

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tiebreak. I mean, for sure in Cincinnati we had a tiebreak. Then he was suggest struggling physically, unfortunately.

But I think this time is going to be different. I think he's ready to go. He's going to be super motivated to win. I need to expect his best, for sure.

Q. With the condition, the weather, does it feel better today?

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME: No, it was much better. I felt much better in the warmup, like I wasn't sweating as much. But, yeah, it's nice to get a bit cooler weather.

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