

# Australian Open

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## Carlos Alcaraz

Press Conference



C. ALCARAZ/R. Gasquet

7-6, 6-1, 6-2

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. 30 seeded players have advanced in the men's draw. What do you think that's a reflection of in men's tennis?**

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Can you say again?

**Q. All but two seeded players are in the second round in the men's draw. What does that say about the men's tour at the moment?**

CARLOS ALCARAZ: I mean, I don't know. They deserve it. The tour right now have great players. I think the seeds got through the second round, but the same time I saw a few of them struggling a lot in their matches, fifth sets, really close ones.

I think, yeah, the tour have great players, a lot of them that can beat anyone. So I think it's really, really open. It's very open. But, I mean, from 30 from 32 I think they deserve it.

**Q. You were the last man to play in the three-day first round in the new format. Do you think it was a success, the change?**

CARLOS ALCARAZ: Well, I think so. I think it's better for the players, as well, and better for everyone. For the crowd to have more days to have matches, for the tournament as well. I think for the players who plays the first days has more days to rest. I think it's good that the players that play in the first day have a little bit advantage, have two days of rest.

Apart from that, I think it's a really good format.

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