

# Australian Open

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## Paula Badosa

Press Conference



P. BADOSA/A. Pavlyuchenkova

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THE MODERATOR: Paula, congrats on the win. That must be another confidence builder for you. Nastia is a difficult opponent.

PAULA BADOSA: Yeah, I'm really happy. I knew it was a tough match. She's been playing very well. She's been winning top players. So I knew it was a tough one.

So, yeah, really happy how I managed everything and how I played today.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. Can I ask you about the court conditions? I know Stefanos played on it yesterday. Curious whether you guys talked about it and what you thought of the experience?**

PAULA BADOSA: Yeah, I played the day before also there. My two matches I played there. It's very noisy, very loud. It's a little bit tough to concentrate there.

Especially also the court is pretty fast. But I'm feeling well there, so I'm not going to complain (smiling). Yeah, but I know it's pretty loud. It's not very comfortable for the players to play there.

**Q. Would you have a problem if tennis had more atmospheres like that? How would you feel that?**

PAULA BADOSA: In my opinion, I don't really like it because there's a lot of noise, as I said. I mean, my opponent in the first round and now also complained. It's not very comfortable.

I cannot listen to my team either if they want to say something or if I want to, like, talk to them. Even during the points, it's quite noisy. I don't know if it's going to work in the future.

**Q. Did you expect to be playing this well this early in the season?**

PAULA BADOSA: No, not really (smiling). Honestly, I

lost in Adelaide. I felt pretty well. The thing is that my body was a little bit rusty.

Talking about tennis, I felt pretty well in that match. But I didn't expect playing this well maybe this early after seven months' break, but I'm pretty happy. Let's see how my body - as I always say - reacts tomorrow. But I'm feeling pretty well, so I'm happy with that.

**Q. Do you have any explanations as to why you're playing so well so quickly if you didn't expect it?**

PAULA BADOSA: Maybe my talent (smiling). No, I don't know.

I think mentally I'm working very hard, and I'm doing a hard work there. As I said in the first press conference, it's not easy for me to see me to accept where I am right now, my ranking. I'm pretty proud. I want to get on top as fast as possible. I'm working very hard.

I worked very hard in the pre-season, as well. I think in this case, it's how my body reacts. I hope my back, it's okay for the next months. I think my level will talk.

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