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Matteo Berrettini

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. It wasn't your day today. Can you tell us how you're feeling right now.

MATTEO BERRETTINI: Pretty upset. I was really feeling bad on the court. I'm feeling bad now. Didn't play well in the big stage. It's painful.

But I guess that's tennis.

Q. Did Daniel catch you by surprise? What do you feel he did well?

MATTEO BERRETTINI: Last time I saw him was long time ago. I kind of knew which kind of player he is. I think he was playing really, really good. He was moving well. He made me move a lot. He was playing good backhand slice. Serving well. I didn't play my best tennis. Was tough.

For me, I felt the conditions were pretty heavy. And nothing. I wasn't feeling good. I tried to fight. I tried to play with what I had, but wasn't enough. I think he really deserved the win.

Q. Was it the way you were feeling, playing tennis, the way you were thinking? Was it a combination of all those things?

MATTEO BERRETTINI: I think it was a combination. I think after you feel little bit down mentally, also your tennis is going to be affected about this. Yeah, I was struggling to find the right attitude, the right energy. I was nervous. When I tried to calm down, I was too calm. I was struggling every single aspect of the game.

It was a really bad day. I actually almost won a set playing like this, feeling like this. It's just a bad day. Maybe if I won that set, it would have changed something but I guess we will never know.

Q. You said the second set was very competitive. What did you say to yourself at the end of the second



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set?

MATTEO BERRETTINI: I mean, I've been playing tennis for a long time. It's normal. I know that you can lose, you can win the tiebreak, especially when it's so close.

The thing is, sometimes you lose and you see, like, the light. Today I was losing, and I was seeing everything dark. I had so many breakpoints at the beginning of the third as well. I tried to say to myself to keep going. The match is long.

I guess I was just playing too bad and I wasn't there mentally so I couldn't help myself.

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