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Dino Prizmic

Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: Congratulations. We'll get some questions from the media.

Q. Congratulations. What your feelings? What are your emotions as a finalist?

DINO PRIZMIC: This is my first time in finals in Grand Slam. Yeah, of course, I'm very happy with my performance today. I hope I will play again good match tomorrow. Yeah, we will see.

Q. What would it mean to you to take the trophy, to take the title?

DINO PRIZMIC: I think if I am going to play very good tomorrow, I can do it, but also, my opponent win four matches in a row, so also he is very good player.

Yeah, I will see. Now it's tough to say something for tomorrow.

Q. You lost here last year in the semifinals. When you entered the court today, what was the mindset? It was a tricky match for you playing a 15-year-old nobody kind of knew beforehand. How did you manage all of this?

DINO PRIZMIC: Yeah, last time here I play semifinal on the same court. Today I also know what I need to do with this opponent, and I tried to play more aggressive. I won the match, and I need now to prepare for tomorrow.

Q. You told me I think after the first match you were here to win the title. You're one win away. Just what is your mindset because you're already ranked really well on the ATP? You came back for this Roland Garros junior. What was the motivation?

DINO PRIZMIC: Motivation is I want to win this tournament because this is my last tournament, and I know maybe I'm favorite here.

So, yeah, in my head I want to win this tournament, and I think if I play very good tomorrow, I think I can do it.



Q. On Instagram your bio is, "Believe in your dreams." Just wondered what your dreams are?

DINO PRIZMIC: My dream is when I was a kid to, of course, to win a Grand Slam juniors, seniors, it doesn't matter.

So I know now I'm close to that, but we'll see.

Q. You're managed by Ljubicic. Just wondered what it's like to be mentored by such a legend in Croatian tennis?

DINO PRIZMIC: Ljubicic is a legend. He is a great coach, and always when I was in academy, he is on court every time, and he give me some advice how to play. I'm very happy about that.

Q. You could become the first Croatian since Marin Cilic in 2005 to win here. I know you have practiced with Marin and Borna. Do you think they're going to give you a little bit of a call to have a chat? Are you going to reach out to them for a bit of advice before the final?

DINO PRIZMIC: Yeah, so many times I shared the court with Marin Cilic and Borna Coric, and, of course, they also give me some advice, but sometimes it's tough, too many on the court.

But I will try to play my best. Yeah, I think we will see.

Q. If you could just isolate one thing you've done extremely well this week, what would it be?

DINO PRIZMIC: What?

Q. What is the thing you think you've done extremely well on the court this week?

DINO PRIZMIC: What I do or --

Q. One thing you've done extremely well.

DINO PRIZMIC: On the court was one point against Czech player, and this point I played really good. I can't also believe. Yeah, I won this point. I think this is my best point in this tournament.

Q. Do you think it's more mentally that you are

... when all is said, we're done.

making the difference because you're so strong on the big points?

DINO PRIZMIC: Yes. I play so many points, like, when the match is close. Many times I know how to play when match is tough, and I try every time to play good on best points.

Q. It's not the most exciting question, but where are you based? Where do you train?

DINO PRIZMIC: I'm training Zagreb in Croatia, but in the beginning I train in Croatia in Split.

Q. You've had a lot of success on ATP. How do you find the dynamic of going between ATP, challenger, and junior?

DINO PRIZMIC: First, my professional match was in Umag against Zapata, and this is my big experience, and I learn a lot with this match. After that I know I can play with everybody.

I came there and won some futures. I know I can play with anyone.

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