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## Roberto Bautista Agut

Press Conference



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6-3, 7-6

MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. A tough one today. Looks like from the stats you played a very good match, and in all reality, he only won nine points on your serve all match. How tough is it to lose a match when you really only give him one look at your serve?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Yes, as you said, I think I was doing my things well. I was playing aggressive. I was winning a lot of points with my serve, also with my second serve. I was playing very aggressive.

Well, when you play Reilly or John, these kind of players, as you know, everything happens in two, three points, no?

Well, today I was a bit unlucky. I was feeling really well at 6-6 and had the stop of the match for 5 or 10 minutes or 15, I don't know. Well, I think it was a positive week for me, and I will keep going, will keep working, and today was not possible.

**Q. You have been to Canada a handful of times in the past. I was just wondering, just in general, what are your impressions of this country when you visited? How much do you like playing here?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: I like a lot playing here, no? I think I have been having very good results in Canada. I used to play very well also in Montreal.

Well, I think it's one of the surface adapt well for my game, and I feel well playing here. So hopefully I can come back for many, many more years.

**Q. We hope you can come back as well. For you, we have a younger generation of all these players winning matches, winning titles. You have been a mainstay on the tour for quite a while now. You have made a Wimbledon semifinal, have won multiple ATP titles.**

**For you, at this stage of your career, what types of goals do you have in the sport right now?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Well, I'm enjoying my work, enjoying my day. I like to wake up with the passion to improve my game, to improve my tennis. Well, I try to don't think a lot in advance and just to stay where I am now. I will see how is in the future, no?

As you said, there are a lot of younger players that are playing very good tennis.

**Q. The younger generation, we saw Jannik Sinner just win a title last week, great players like Musetti, Canadians like Denis Shapovalov, Felix. Do you think, is this the most competitive the tour has been, do you think, since you became a professional?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: I will say now for sure. I think before, when I got into the tour, I had very few losses against people who was ranked below me, and now I think everyone can lose against everyone if he is not in a good shape or if he is not playing good tennis. I think now there is more equal level and a lot of players playing very good.

**Q. What are some of the things you have learned from your matches here that you can use in your next tournament?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Well, I think I learn a lot, no? I think I felt well on the court. I just felt, again, the fire inside me, the spirit on the court. I felt really well here in Canada. Played aggressive. I tried to put a lot of pressure on the returns of my opponents.

Well, I think I need to keep doing these things and good things will happen in the future.

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