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Denis Shapovalov

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THE MODERATOR: Bad luck, Denis. It was a high-quality match. How do you assess your performance?

DENIS SHAPOVALOV: Yeah, it was good tennis yesterday. Obviously Alex is playing some great tennis. Yeah, not much more to say than that.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Obviously this is a very unusual situation where you come to a match, it's the first of four points, you need to win to keep the match going. How hard is that? Is there a way to prepare for something like that?

DENIS SHAPOVALOV: No, not really. It was very hard.

Q. What positives can you take away from that experience?

DENIS SHAPOVALOV: I think I did a lot of good things yesterday, was playing some great points. Felt like I kind of was kind of starting to get some momentum in the match. Yeah, I thought I was dictating and playing some good-level tennis yesterday. Was very high quality from both of us. So I guess that's definitely a positive.

Hopefully I can take that into next week.

Q. With the US Open coming up, what are your plans before? What kind of feelings would you like to try to get before the US Open starts?

DENIS SHAPOVALOV: Just try to build off this week. Obviously, like I said, it was high quality yesterday, even though I was down. I think, yeah, just keep growing my game from this week, try to play better next week, and hopefully get a couple more matches under my belt before US Open.

Q. Just wondering if you've had a situation like this in

your career before, where you had a tiebreaker interrupted? How did you game plan for it as a result?

DENIS SHAPOVALOV: No, no, haven't had this exact experience before. So, yeah, it was tricky.

Q. Where is your next tournament? Cincinnati?

DENIS SHAPOVALOV: Yep.

Q. Looking forward now, what's your vision for your game over the next few years? How would you like to see it evolve?

DENIS SHAPOVALOV: Just getting consistent at things I do. I'm obviously very aggressive, play kind of make-it-or-break-it tennis. So just get more consistent at executing everything. I'm able to do it in certain parts of the year, then sometimes I lose it.

It's just about, yeah, getting more and more solid, and yeah, not doubting my decisions, just making sure I make most of the plays that I go for.

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