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## Matteo Arnaldi

Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: First of all, not the result you were looking for, Matteo, but still a good week for you here in Montreal to break into the semifinal at Masters 1000.

MATTEO ARNALDI: Yeah, I'm really happy about the tournament that I played. I mean, I wasn't coming from the best period of my tennis career, so I played some good matches.

It's been a tough week because of the rain, double round, and wind, different conditions every day. So I'm pretty happy, like I said, about the matches that I played.

It's a really positive tournament. Also, I'm looking forward to the next one and to prepare very well for the US Open.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. You will break the top 30 in the rankings for the first time.**

MATTEO ARNALDI: Yeah, I didn't know.

**Q. At 29, if I'm not mistaken. What does that mean to you? How can you build on that success for the upcoming weeks?**

MATTEO ARNALDI: For sure it's a good thing, like you said. The main goal was to try to be seeded in the US Open, so if it's like you said... I don't know, I haven't checked... but it's a good achievement for me and for my team.

I did fourth round last year, and I went very close a few times to be seeded in the slams and the Masters 1000. So being able to be seed would be a good help. There are a lot of good guys outside the seeds, but I'm happy to break in the top 30.

I think I'm getting better every week. Like I said, before I wasn't coming from a good period on clay this summer, but

I did really well here. So I'm looking forward for the next.

**Q. Would you say last night's match, as late as it ended, caught up to you tonight?**

MATTEO ARNALDI: I mean, for sure I didn't have the best of the recovery. Yesterday we finished pretty late. I went to bed, like, around 3:00 a.m. -- between 3:00 and 4:00 a.m. Today at 10:00, 11:00 I was here. So I didn't get to sleep much, but you know, I'm pretty young. So it's not an excuse.

For sure today Andrey played really good tennis. He is playing the whole tournament good tennis. I didn't find a way to put pressure on him today, but I used a lot of energy during this tournament.

Yesterday I played four hours and a half, I think, something like that. Then the day before two hours. The day even before was two hours and a half. So I played a lot of matches.

This year is the first time that I played four matches in one tournament. So, like I said, today it wasn't meant to be I would say, but I don't think it's related to -- I mean, a bit, but I don't think it's related to yesterday.

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