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Jannik Sinner

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Moderator: All right, let's go straight into questions. Raise your hand. First one here.

Question: Frances just said that you're a great front runner. What does it mean to be called that by a player as good as Frances, saying that once you get him on the early breaks, it's almost impossible to come back?

Jannik Sinner: Yeah. It means a lot to me. Obviously, I knew he had very, very tough matches, long matches. I tried to be quite physical at the beginning and starting off very well it's good in, from the mental perspective, and being slightly more aggressive with the serve. I felt like today, I was serving very well, especially in important moments. We had a very tough game on 3-2, which was very important in the second set and, yeah, I'm happy about today's performance.

Question: I'm working on a story about the stadium, the building that this whole tournament takes place in and all the areas the players have, and you have your own suite, I think, the tournament gives a lot of the top players, and just how big everything is at this tournament, in terms of the building. How is it for you to operate in this space, this sort of unique environment for a tournament?

Jannik Sinner: Yeah. It's very unique. Also, how the stadium is made. You have two different views,

playing from one side, on the other side. The atmosphere has been great this year. Behind the scenes, we have a lot of room, a lot of space. That's exactly what we need, especially in the beginning of the tournament. After it's a little bit more empty it seems even bigger. But it's a great tournament. They take care of us in a very positive way. And I'm always happy to come back here.

Question: I'd like to ask a quick question off-tennis. Italy will play soon in the playoffs of the World Cup. It's been a long time since the country last played in the World Cup. Do you plan to watch the match? And what's your expectations for the playoffs?

Jannik Sinner: Yes, I will watch it. That's why we need to hurry up a bit. So, let's see what's coming. We have a positive mentality, and also, we hope for a good match, and we know what's on the line. So, I will be supportive.

Question: What would you say about your development to become the sort of player you talked about becoming six months ago, after the US Open? Trying to have more variety, serve better, come to the net. Would you say that that is continuing? How would you evaluate what you are doing now?

Jannik Sinner: I'm aiming to continue to improve. I think that that's the most important. That's what I practice for. Just hit balls. I try to try to improve, seeing what works better. We have some good

results with certain shots, while some we need to slightly improve. Obviously, going now to clay, it's going to be a little bit different. How you play tennis is different. So, physically you need to be ready to compete and that's it. I think that what I'm doing is positive. I'm trying to develop [myself] into a good player, taking away the results. I try to feel better and better every day I go on court. So, there always has to be a reason behind everything. Not to do just to do it.

Question: You mentioned that you noticed Frances was slightly tired today. Is that something you noticed in reviewing when studying for him, or was that more today? And also, how specifically would you say you expose that?

Jannik Sinner: No, I think it's also normal when you.... He had tough matches. Long, long matches, playing under the heat and finishing a little bit later a couple of days ago. I have this in the back of my mind. I also know when I had these things. I know how you feel. But at the same time, I tried to play some good tennis, and I managed to do that. So, I'm seeing both sides a little bit. So, it's trying to break him very early. That helped me and yeah, I wish him only the best. He is a player who is improving a lot lately. So he's gonna be a tough player to beat.

Question: I know that you don't like to talk about the Sunshine Double. But how about your next possible opponent. Sasha or Cerundolo? You've had some issues with both, and obviously both big forehands.

Jannik Sinner: Two different players with different qualities. We are trying to understand what's the best game plan, trying to be in the best possible shape tomorrow, and we see how it goes. So, it's gonna be, of course, tough but, at the same time, I'm happy to play semis here. It's an important tournament before going on clay, and we hope for a good match.