



# Press Conference



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with **DOMINIC THIEM**

Thiem – Fucsovics 7-5, 6-1

**QUESTION:** Congrats on the win. What do you think was the key moment in the match? Was it finally being able to break him at 5 all in the first set or was it another moment?

**THIEM:** The first set was very close and I missed the first eight break chances, some of them I played good points. I missed two forehands I think very close, I missed this one backhand return on the net cord. So, I played some good points, still didn't make it and then last possible chance at 6-5 I broke him. So, of course I was happy it didn't go into the tiebreak, and that was also the key moment because from then on I gained more and more confidence, almost everything what I played went in. It was a very good match from my side in the second set.

**QUESTION:** You've got Andrey Rublev up next, a different player to Marton today but what do you think? Do you think you need to change your style of play to play Andrey?

**THIEM:** I think I played very good tennis especially in the second set. That's what I'll try to continue like this against Andrey but, of course, a completely different match-up. I think in one specific zone he is hitting the ball amazing, almost from every position on the court winners. So, my main goal is to bring him out of his comfort zone and of course not to let him too much in the offence because there he is amazing.

**QUESTION:** Congratulation to the win. I would like to know about the weather today because yesterday you told us about the hot weather that it was OK for you but today it was even hotter. How do you feel on the court?

**THIEM:** Of course it's hot. I mean it's 33 or 34 degrees which is a lot especially here for Hamburg but we players are used to way worse, like in Australia it's way hotter and at the US Open and in the American summer tournaments it can be way hotter and on the hard courts it is way worse because I think the hard court reflects the heat way more. So, 33 on the clay feels like 33 but 33 on a hard court feels like I don't know 45, 50. So, these conditions here of course are tough but still pretty decent to handle.