



Press Conference



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with **DANIEL ALTMAIER**

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QUESTION: How hard did it feel for you today?

ALTMAIER: As I said, I am like obviously not in the best mood because I couldn't get into let's say a good rhythm from the start. Obviously, he was playing not that bad but I mean the opening point, serving and returning, is obviously always in my hands and that is something where I didn't get any rhythm. I mean it is a shame for me because I was working hard the last past months and obviously every week playing good, good matches, getting back there, and then to get a set-back like that, it's tough, it's tough and it's obviously frustrating

QUESTION: You obviously had to start from scratch this year. How has that been and what is the toughest part of that?

ALTMAIER: Obviously, after an injury it's always tough. I mean you're trying to get as much matches as possible. That's what I did. At the beginning of the year, it was Futures, then getting back to Challengers. I mean if you look back to, I don't know, my matches every week, I played against pretty good guys starting from Heilbronn playing Garcia Lopez, then second round playing Couacaud, you know, it's obviously never the easiest draw, like last week playing or two weeks in Braunschweig against Ruud. Those guys are let's say standard ATP players and here and there you get good chances and don't use them. So, it's frustrating. And you know how tennis works, once you are let's say in a great shape and beating those guys you can get back confidence pretty fast. So, I mean that's what I look for and, as I said, it's frustrating to not get there.

QUESTION: On a different note, this roof is very unique. Just curious-wise have you ever played under a roof like this?

ALTMAIER: No, I never played in a let's say big stadium with a roof. Obviously, for me I like the courts more bouncy when it's hot and where I can use let's say my aggressive game from the baseline with heavy spin from both sides and today I just had the feeling that the balls are pretty flat, and obviously Martin didn't give me a lot of chances to find a good rhythm. It's different but it was, from the other side, great because the crowd was pretty good even though it wasn't packed. As I said, probably for me it wasn't the best conditions but it's nothing that I blame on the situation.

QUESTION: Does it feel like indoors?

ALTMAIER: Yes, it feels like indoors to be honest because you look at the roof when you're serving but obviously it's like ... it was fun, it was something different but I think you more enjoy it when let's say the match would be closer or when you win it.