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Kei Nishikori

Press Conference



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6-3, 2-6, 6-2

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Kind of a tough day for you out there. What in particular wasn't working?

KEI NISHIKORI: I think he serve really well. I was having really tough time with my return, missing a lot, and giving him a lot of short balls. And he was attacking really well, first and third sets.

And, you know, little, lazy mistakes for me, I think. Too many unforced errors especially in the third to give him too many chances, you know, to break.

And, yeah, I mean, obviously, I didn't play my best tennis today, but I think he played good tennis also.

Q. What was it about his serve that made it kind of difficult for you? Was it the pace? The placement?

KEI NISHIKORI: Yeah, a little bit of everything. The placement for sure. And he was mixing up a lot of, you know, kick serve in front and, yeah, he was mixing up pretty well.

Q. You had gotten this far without dropping a set. Do you feel like there was a drop off today or was it mostly to do with his game?

KEI NISHIKORI: I think a little bit of both. I don't think I played good enough to beat Jack today. Started a little bit slower, you know, to give him 3-Love.

And also, like I said, I think there was too many unforced errors and I wasn't, you know, playing aggressive enough to get more chance. Think a little bit of both.