

# Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships

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## Philipp Kohlschreiber

Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. That must be very disappointing to lose that one.**

PHILIPP KOHLSCHREIBER: Of course losing is always disappointing, but I'm not sad. I think I played great tennis, one of my best matches.

Okay, the result is sad, but the way I played, the way I enjoyed myself on the court, nothing to be sad about.

**Q. Is that the best you have ever played, certainly against a top player?**

PHILIPP KOHLSCHREIBER: Maybe, maybe. I mean, the first two sets, I think also Andy played -- I hope he will say that -- a really good match. I think we both played almost the best tennis we can play, I guess.

Of course, you will always find, oh, this one, this one, and overall I think it was a very great match. Well-deserved, he's a great fighter, he never gave up.

Yeah, you can be thinking about one, two shots. I don't know. Was just a great match, and I think the end with the spectators showed that everybody's had a really great day.

**Q. While you were in the middle of the match, are you aware how good it is? I mean, can you actually enjoy it as you're playing?**

PHILIPP KOHLSCHREIBER: Yeah. Well, I think I have two ways of my game. You know, one is, like, the fighting spirit, playing a lot of topspin, running a lot. So far I was -- I beat some of the big guys, but obviously I lost more of them, so I tried to be more aggressive today, to show also that I worked in the preseason on my forehand, more firepower.

Of course, I could serve maybe a little bit better if I want to find something, but he's also one of or "the"



best returner, so it's like that.

**Q. The seven match points that you had, was there anything you could have done to just grab that last point?**

PHILIPP KOHLSCHREIBER: Yeah, like I said, I think I had one maybe easy backhand I missed down the line. Maybe I was holding back a little bit. Maybe I should go on crosscourt. Maybe, maybe, maybe. You know, I didn't make it.

But I also served in the crucial moments and in that tiebreaker also big. He played his best tennis there. So of course I have to analyze that kind of match. But also, I think only in a good way. How I played the forehand, how the footwork was, the attitude, that's the good things.