

# Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships

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## Karolina Pliskova

Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

### Q. Why was that so tough?

KAROLINA PLISKOVA: Because I was not playing well. That's why, I think.

Anyway, I also think I was not playing the best tennis today. We were both a little bit struggling. For me, first match here after couple days of practice, which I thought was quite fine.

Didn't have that many matches for last couple of weeks since I came from Melbourne. So just finding the rhythm of the matches. Finally I got the win, so maybe it's better in the next match.

### Q. Encouraging you could dig a win out when you weren't playing so well?

KAROLINA PLISKOVA: Yeah, for sure. I think those are the important wins in the season, not when you play the best tennis. It's easy to win then. Wins like this...

I don't know how I'm going to do in this tournament, but maybe throughout the next part of the season, it can be quite helpful for me.

### Q. This kind of tournament doesn't really give you a chance to ease into it from the first match. The next one could be Kerber. How mentally do you deal with a tournament like this?

KAROLINA PLISKOVA: Yeah, it's tough these tournaments, here and Doha. You know if you're coming to a tournament, it's not going to be an easy match from the first round, so you don't really have a chance to warm up. That's how it is.

Sometimes it's better to play those tough matches because in Grand Slams also it can happen that you have a tough draw, or on the big tournaments like Indian Wells or Miami.

I just think you can face those players in the first round



somewhere. We have to take it like this. But maybe I'll prefer some easy rounds for now.