

# Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships

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## Lucas Pouille

Press Conference

L. POUILLE/Y. Sugita

3-6, 6-3, 6-2

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. He wasn't easy to beat, was he?**

LUCAS POUILLE: No, he wasn't. Definitely not. I knew it would be a tough one. As I said yesterday, he won plenty of matches in the past six, seven months. He's a very good player.

I knew I had to play some good tennis to win.

**Q. What do you think you did best?**

LUCAS POUILLE: I think after a lot of first set, I started to be a bit more aggressive, especially in the return. I was very close from the baseline, even sometimes inside the court to return the second serve. That put him under pressure. I think that made the difference.

**Q. You may play Krajinovic next round. You played against him in Marseille.**

LUCAS POUILLE: He won already?

**Q. No, you might play. He plays next match. What do you think about the match in Marseille?**

LUCAS POUILLE: It was close. He's a very good player. I mean, he made the final in Bercy last year at the end of the season. It was not so long ago.

I think, yeah, he going to improve his ranking. I think he's going to become top 20 very soon. I know it's going to be a very tough match if I want to reach the final.

**Q. Difference between indoors and outdoors, who will that favor?**

LUCAS POUILLE: Good question. We will see tomorrow night. Hopefully for me.

