

# Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships

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## Roberto Bautista

### Agut

Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. What are your thoughts on winning tonight?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Well, I played very good, very aggressive. I didn't give him all the court, all the control of the game. I played very good tennis tonight.

**Q. He tried to come back at you in the second set, but you held him off pretty well.**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Yeah, I think was tough to get the break in the second because I had breakpoints in the first game, breakpoints in the second game on his serve. I couldn't make them. Then he took the break, no?

But I was mentally strong. I could come back playing very good tennis.

**Q. Do you think that was almost the key, that you could break him back immediately?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Yes, was the key. When he has advantage, he plays more relaxed, he goes more for the shots. I tried to make the score closer during all the match. That was better for me.

**Q. What does it mean to you to win the trophy?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Well, it's very special, no? I was following a 500 event during all my career. Well, of course is my best win.

**Q. What is next?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: We will see, no (smiling)? I'm working a lot. I'm doing the right things, trying to be better player every day.

Well, I hope something better is coming up.

**Q. You struggled since Auckland, so this must be a big confidence booster for you.**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Yes, there is no better



way to get a good preparation for Indian Wells and Miami than playing matches, playing tough matches with a lot of difficulties, like here in Dubai.

Well, I have time to get fit to play a good tournaments in Indian Wells and Miami.

**Q. You're the first Spaniard to win since Rafa. How does that make you feel? Does that add anything?**

ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT: Well, that means a lot, to win this trophy, no? I think the last winners are the best tennis players in the era. That makes me so happy.