

ANDY RODDICK:

Q: How is your ankle, anything serious?

A: It's not serious because it didn't get any worse, I just jammed it a little bit and could feel it but it was manageable doing the points, it's just a little sore when I'd roll over on it and stuff, but I think it was actually good to continue on and get some blood flow through there and stuff. I'm not too worried about it.

Q: How do you see yourself with three matches behind you this week, and some good matches, are you confident, you are happy?

A: Yeah, I feel good. I thought Roger and I hit the ball pretty well today. I felt like I was playing well against Andre the other day before he had to stop and I played a good match against Ljubcic so I feel prepared, I'm ready, I'm excited and I'm anxious for the tournament to start.

Q: Are you going to ask for an extra day to recover with the ankle?

A: I'm not going to request it but I wouldn't be opposed to it.

Q: What did you learn today, having played Roger again, what do you need to do to try and beat him?

A: You know, the last thing I'm going to do is anything that I did learn talk about it right away so he can read it in the papers tomorrow. But it's good, it's nice getting to play Roger in a situation like this where you can kind of try things and work the ball around where it's not for a Wimbledon title or something like that. So I'm not going to tell you anything.

Q: You didn't take your chances, you had a couple of break points?

A: Yeah, I did, I actually hit a pretty good return on one and he played well but, like I said, the first priority of a week like this is to, like you asked, get good preparation, feel like you're hitting the ball well and kind of use it as a kind of stepping stone into the Aussie Open and I feel like that was accomplished this week for me.

Q: How long was your preparation because the season was pretty long with the Davis Cup final?

A: I actually had one day where I didn't have anything to do, as far as talking to people. I had a day, but it was very nice, it was a good one. By about five or six o'clock I was bored already.

Q: What is the best you can hope for in a coaching change like you've made?

A: I'm pretty happy right now. Obviously someone who can kind of help me just keep improving, and I feel like we're doing that, we came in and Dean's work ethic is

contagious; we were putting in long days and practice on court and I feel like I'm pretty fit right now and we're getting along great so I'm happy right now.