

EXAMPLE MATCH ANALYSIS

Match Analysis for Player A vs. Player B

Round 1: Tournament name – Date

Result: 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 (W)

Positives from the Match:

1. **Aggressive Ball striking:** Player A hit with good intent on both forehand and backhand sides, showing technical improvements on his forehand (higher elbow and better racket position on preparation).
2. **Serve +1 Patterns:** Demonstrated solid tactical awareness with effective serve patterns (wide serves followed by hitting into open spaces and T serves followed by aggressive forehands).
3. **Return Game:** Returned consistently to big, safe targets, applying pressure to his opponent's serve.
4. **Energy and Fight:** Player A maintained excellent energy, stayed positive, and fought back to take the lead at 5-4 and ultimately win the first set in a tiebreak.
5. **Variation:** He mixed spin and speed effectively at times, which kept his opponent guessing.
6. **Power Absorption:** Absorbed pace well on his forehand, holding his ground under pressure.

Areas for Development:

1. **Serve Technique:**
 - Higher elbow needed in the trophy position.
 - More drive off the back leg, not relying heavily on the front leg.
2. **When in a baseline rally:**
 - Needs to generate more shape over the net during baseline rallies.
 - Must close out points more effectively at the net after attacking from the baseline.
3. **Opponent Weakness:** Player A could have exploited his opponent's backhand more often. It was noticeably weaker than the forehand side.
4. **Backhand Under Pressure:** Often caught with an open racket face, leading to errors against powerful shots.
5. **Midcourt Play:** Opponent's tactic of bringing Player A into the midcourt proved effective; Player A can work on handling midcourt balls more effectively.

Key Takeaways:

- Players A's energy and fighting spirit stood out, especially during the first set.
- Tactical awareness, especially on serve +1 and variation, was a strength but requires consistent execution.
- Technically, improving the serve and rally shape will help him in future matches.
- Mentally, staying composed when the opponent raises their energy and avoiding distraction is crucial.