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**A POST-MATCH INTERVIEW WITH:**

**BETHANIE MATTEK**

**Bethanie Mattek defeats  
1<sup>ST</sup> Round  
6-3, 4-6, 6-2**

Q. Congratulations.

**BETHANIE MATTEK:** Thanks. Thank you.

Q. Nothing like, I guess, getting started with a tough three-setter. Huh?

**BETHANIE MATTEK:** Exactly. No, I actually played her last week in Amelia. We both had played two matches that day last week, so it's a little different match, but she played well today, and you know, I came out.

Q. What was the difference for you today?

**BETHANIE MATTEK:** It's funny, because it was neck and neck in the third set and then I wiped

out, and for some reason I started playing better after that. I had to call a trainer because I was bleeding. But I mean really we were both grinding it. I mean she hits pretty heavy, and we had some long rallies. I think the first game of the second set was like 25 minutes long or something, so it was definitely a grind, and I just pulled it out at the end in the third set.

Q. And now your reward for beating her, you get to play Sharapova.

**BETHANIE MATTEK:** Yeah, I know. It's cool.

Q. Talk about that.

**BETHANIE MATTEK:** Yeah. I'm excited to play her. I've never played her, so it should be cool. I get to play in the stadium and see how I go up against her.

Q. According to the charts in there, you played her one time I think back in 2002. Do you remember that match?

**BETHANIE MATTEK:** Oh, at a challenger. Yeah, yeah, yeah. That was a while ago. She beat me there. I think that was almost before she started doing well, but I don't even really remember that match. It was like indoors, first round. So we'll see. Tomorrow will be different.

Q. What have you gotta do to beat a player of that caliber?

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**BETHANIE MATTEK:** I've definitely gotta serve well, because I think it will come down to if we both serve well, you know, we'll be holding. You know, she plays aggressive and flat, so I think I'm going to still try and grind and mix it up against her really, try and get her high and wide and slice a little bit and just see how she likes to deal with the changeups.

**END OF INTERVIEW**

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