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**A POST-MATCH INTERVIEW WITH:**

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA**

**Anastasia Rodionova defeats Dominika Cibulkova  
6-4, 1-0 (ret.)  
1<sup>st</sup> Round**

Q. Sunday they said you had a problem with the left thigh? Today is totally different?

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** Yeah. I think it's like kind of something together because I was trying to, you know, protect my leg, and it went out to my low back, so I think it's a little bit stuck because I was trying to protect my left leg, and that's why.

Q. And you were expecting to do better before the match before coming to the court or you knew that it would be tough for you?

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** No. Sure. Before the match, of course, I was tired and I mean I felt my leg and

everything, but I felt like, okay, I will go on the court and I will see, but I felt like I hope I will do well in the whole match, but in the match I just didn't feel like I could

end the match, so that's why I decided to retire because I didn't want to get hurt more.

Q. You have Fed Cup play next week.

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** Yes. Yes. We play at home against Uzbekistan, so I hope I will get fit. I'm looking forward.

Q. What's your feeling now after the tournament last week? Do you think for you it's a big improvement?

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** Yeah, sure. I think for me it's a big step because finally I start to believe that I belong to the top players, and I finally made like a breakthrough. I've played a final. So it's also very important for me.

Q. You beat two Top 10 players.

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** No. One.

Q. You almost beat two.

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** Yeah. Almost. Close. But I beat a lot of good players, like Mauresmo, and I beat Azarenka. I've never beat her before, so it was great matches for me and helped me a little bit for my confidence. It was a great week.

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Q. And this was your first week obviously on clay.

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** Yes.

Q. Do you like the surface?

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** Yes. Actually I like both. I like hard court and also I like clay, but the first tournament on clay was my final, so I hope I will play more finals this year.

Q. Are you going to be back home soon?

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** Yeah. Depends. I'm supposed to play doubles tomorrow with another Slovakian player, doubles player, Husarova. So I hope I will feel good and we can play tomorrow.

Q. Do you know if Daniela Hantuchova is going to play Fed Cup?

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** No. She said she's going to play Fed Cup.

Q. Good.

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** So I think we have a good team.

Q. Yeah.

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** We are playing on clay, so not a big deal. It's good.

Q. And your next tournament is?

**DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA:** I'm going to -- I will play Berlin, Rome and Roland Garros. I was supposed to play in Prague, but I withdraw from Prague because I played a lot. I played Indian Wells, Miami, Amelia and here. So a little bit of rest.

Q. Thank you very much.

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