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A POST-MATCH INTERVIEW WITH:

SERENA WILLIAMS

**Serena Williams defeats Katarina Srebotnik
Round of 16
4-6, 6-4, 6-3**

AMY BINDER: Questions for Serena, please.

Q. Congratulations. Grinding, grinding match. How do you feel?

SERENA WILLIAMS: I feel great. I don't feel like I played great, but I feel good to get through it.

Q. What would you have done differently?

SERENA WILLIAMS: I probably would have made less errors, but you know, it's tough coming off hard court and playing so much on the hard court and then transitioning to the clay. It's not easy, but I gotta get used to it.

Q. How were the conditions for you today? It seemed hot out there.

SERENA WILLIAMS: Hot?

Q. It seemed hot, yeah.

SERENA WILLIAMS: Oh, I'm from Florida, so this is cool. I felt like it was great. I didn't feel the heat at all. Any other questions? Any takers?

Q. How is a three-set match today going to affect you going into the quarters?

SERENA WILLIAMS: I'll see how I feel tomorrow, seeing that I fell and I'll see how I feel tomorrow. You know, when you're playing and the adrenaline, you can't really assess yourself into the next day.

Q. Any special preparations for tomorrow?

SERENA WILLIAMS: Just the same, you know, just getting better, hopefully, throughout the tournament and just getting more mentally ready for tomorrow.

Q. What wasn't working for you? I didn't know.

SERENA WILLIAMS: Really? You're kidding.

Q. I mean it was a grind, but you guys were both --

SERENA WILLIAMS: Okay. No. I just kept making errors, and it wasn't pretty out there for me today. I should have won the first set easy, and I made some errors. I had a couple break points on a couple game points. I missed some easy overheads, and

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that would have put me to win the first set. So it wasn't the best tennis for me.

Q. When do you feel the match turned for you?

SERENA WILLIAMS: I don't know. I never felt like I was going to lose, so I never once thought I was going to lose.

Q. Serena, when the umpire called you for the code violation, were you mad at yourself, mad at a call? What was your feeling at that point?

SERENA WILLIAMS: Yeah. I didn't understand that really.

Q. When you slipped and fell, did you injure anything or --

SERENA WILLIAMS: You know, I sprained my ankle, which is kind of frustrating, so I'll see how I'll feel tomorrow.

Q. You sprained it today?

SERENA WILLIAMS: Yeah. Just on the court.

AMY BINDER: Any other questions?

SERENA WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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