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A POST-MATCH INTERVIEW WITH:

ALIZE CORNET

**Alize Cornet defeats Agnes Szavay
Quarterfinals
7-5, 6-4**

AMY BINDER: Questions for Alize, please.

Q. Can you talk about the match first and how it went out there for you today?

ALIZE CORNET: Oh, I think the quality of the match was not so good because I think we were nervous, both nervous. And you know, it was just more so that her, in the important point I played better, and I think that's why I win today, but now I'm so happy I can't talk about

the match because I just think about tomorrow, about Serena and it's so exciting for me.

Q. What do you think about playing Serena? I'm sure you've watched her play a lot before, and have you played her before?

ALIZE CORNET: No. I never played against her before, but I saw her match, before my match, against Maria Sharapova, and they hit so hard. And I said, "oh, my God, if I win, if I play Serena tomorrow, I hope not to be ridiculous," you know. But I think I will take my chance and I will do my best. So it's big chance on this clay, it's like a dream for me, so I will only take pleasure. That's the most important.

Q. This must be really fun for you here. Are you getting a lot of calls from back home? Are you calling family members and things like

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that?

ALIZE CORNET: Yeah. My brother is like, oh, my God, he call me every day, he's like, "come on, Alize." He send me so many emails, and my father, too, and my friend, and everybody is so happy in France, but you know, I'm far away and with the time difference, it's difficult sometimes to call them, but I'm sure they are very happy for me, and my coach and my mother are here, and they are so important for me, so I'm really happy to share this victory with them.

Q. What can you do against all of Serena's power?

ALIZE CORNET: I think I will do like I do usually, you know. I will use my topspin forehand. I will run everywhere I can, and I just will do my best and fight on every point. I think that's the key for tomorrow.

Q. Is clay your best surface? And just your success here, does that give you some nice confidence going into the French?

ALIZE CORNET: Yeah, for sure.

There is the French Open soon, and now - last week I was in semi in Amelia Island, this week in semi of this so big tournament, so I think I can do something very good in Roland Garros, and it depends of the draw, but you know, with this match, I think I will be seed, so that's great news for me. I'm not sure actually, but we will see in Roland Garros.

Q. Do you think you can beat Serena?

ALIZE CORNET: Oh, if I don't think that, I don't have to enter on the court and fight. Yeah, a little part of me say that I can win, but you know, the most important is pleasure. And I think she will be nervous, too, because she doesn't want to lose against a young like me, so we will see. I will do my best.

Q. How do you boat beat her?

ALIZE CORNET: How can I beat her? Like I said just before, just fight and just run and be aggressive, because if I let her play, I'm dead because she hits so hard the ball and I

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have to make the pressure on
her.

AMY BINDER: Thanks, everybody.

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