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A POST-MATCH INTERVIEW WITH:

VERA ZVONAREVA

**Vera Zvonareva defeats Jelena Jankovic
Quarterfinal Round
6-2, 3-6, 6-2**

Q. Vera, congratulations. The result was a bit different in Miami a couple weeks ago. What was the difference tonight against Jelena?

VERA ZVONAREVA: I think, you know, after the match in Miami I sort of knew how she was playing, because I haven't played against her for a couple of years before the match in Miami, and she definitely improved. She's one of the top players, so I had to figure out and find another way, and I just tried everything that I didn't try in Miami today, I guess, and it worked better for me today.

Q. What in particular did you try and how did it work better?

VERA ZVONAREVA: I think just in general I had less unforced errors than I had in Miami, and I think I

was a little bit more aggressive today. I was taking my chances, and I was better on my serve as well, so it made a difference.

Q. Were you pretty happy with your game? I mean you didn't seem to make many errors at all.

VERA ZVONAREVA: Yeah. You know, I just beat player No. 5 in the world, and I think it's great. I went out there and I did the best I could today, and of course I'm happy.

Q. I think you've only played Elena twice and both times at the U. S. Open. What do you expect tomorrow in the semis?

VERA ZVONAREVA: I think we played -- yeah, but it was like three years ago, so it was a long time ago, and I know Elena has improved a lot, as I did as well, so it's going to be a new match, and I'm just going to go out there and try my best and we'll see what's going to happen.

Q. Hi, Vera. What do you think about the next four months now that you've reached the semifinals? You basically have no points to defend whatsoever. Do you think about that when you're playing your matches now?

VERA ZVONAREVA: When I'm playing the matches, I'm thinking about where I'm going to serve my next serve, but I don't think about it. You know, the rankings, the whatever I have to defend, it's not that important to me anymore. You know, I'm a different player right now. I've gone through a few injuries, and I'm just trying to stay healthy, trying to enjoy every match I could out there and then we'll see what's going to happen.

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Q. The first time you beat Jelena was also on clay. Is there any sort of secret to playing her on this surface?

VERA ZVONAREVA: I don't know, but like I said, we're absolutely different players today if you compare us to three or four years ago, so I don't know. It just happened to be that way.

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