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A POST-MATCH INTERVIEW WITH:

ALIZE CORNET

**Serena Williams defeats Alize Cornet
Semifinal Round
7-5, 6-3**

AMY BINDER: Questions in English first, please.

Q. Alize, can you just talk about the match?

ALIZE CORNET: It was a tough match for me, of course, because you know, she serves very hard, and each important point she did a good serve, so it was very tough for me. After that, you know, I had really a lot of fun in this match. I like the central, you know, I like the crowd. It was so nice for me, and I just tried to do my best, and I think it's what I did.

Q. Were you surprised when you got up 4-1 in the first set, and then what happened after that?

ALIZE CORNET: Yeah, I was playing so good in the beginning of the first set. I think, you know, Serena, it was a little bit surprise for her because she didn't know me. So I think she wanted to start maybe, you know, relax, and I was directly, you know, I was like making the pressure on her, and it was working, and after 4-1, you know, she played better. She's a great champion, so it's normal, and then I did more mistakes, you know, and I don't know. The match changed at this moment. But after I just tried to fight on every point and she was better. That's all.

Q. What do you think you learned this week and today that'll help you as your career goes on?

ALIZE CORNET: I learned this week and last week, I learned that I could beat anyone, Top 10 player, they are really good actually, but maybe next year I will be better, but like even top 20, I can beat anyone if I play good tennis. The most important is I have to fight and I have to play my game, and I think I have the level now for beating the best, so it's a lot of confidence for me for the rest of the year, so I think these two weeks were unbelievable for me.

Q. It seemed like the sun was giving you some problems on your serve. Can you just talk a little bit about that?

ALIZE CORNET: About her serve?

Q. The sun.

ALIZE CORNET: Oh, the sun. Yeah. There was one side, it was very hard for me to serve because the sun was just in the direction of my toss, so yeah, it was very hard, but you know,

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I tried just to serve, but if you don't serve your best against Serena, it's terrible for you, so on this side it was very hard for me.

Q. What are you going to work on next to come back and compete even better against somebody the likes of Serena?

ALIZE CORNET: I'm going to work again with my coach. My coach knew me since I am ten, so he knew all my game, and he works with me, and I think we have a lot of work to do. I have to be more aggressive in backhand. I can do it, but I have to take on me to go more on backhand. And after that I have to work my topspin and forehand. I think it can be a weapon against all these players, even Serena. So I have to work on that way.

AMY BINDER: Okay. Thank you.

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