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**A POST-MATCH INTERVIEW WITH:**

**VERA ZVONAREVA**

**Vera Zvonareva defeats Elena Dementieva  
Semifinal Round  
6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-3**

Q. Vera, you were down 0-2 there in the third set. Can you just talk about how you fought back and won that match?

**VERA ZVONAREVA:** You know, I didn't really -- I wasn't thinking about the score when I was on the court. I was just trying to find a way to win that match, and I kept fighting, and I think it worked for me today.

Q. You had a service game there that seemed to go on forever in that third set that you finally won. I was wondering if that kind of gave you a little bit of a lift.

**VERA ZVONAREVA:** Yeah, you know, I was out there and I was -- like I said, I was just thinking about every point. I wasn't thinking about the score at all. I knew I had to stay

-- you know, stay out there the whole match with her because she's a fighter. She's a great player and she never gives up, so I had to do the same. I had to fight for every point and no matter what, just try to come out there and think about the next, what should I do about the next point, and that's it.

Q. Looking forward to tomorrow, how is your energy having to play Serena and having another long match today?

**VERA ZVONAREVA:** Yeah. You know, I had a few long matches this week, and it's going to be, I don't know, like fifth match, fifth day in a row for me, but I'm feeling pretty good. Of course, you're a little bit tired after every match, but hopefully I can recover well for tomorrow and hopefully I can produce some good tennis because against Serena it is very important. You can't -- you have to play really good to be able to beat her.

Q. What will be the key, do you think, to being able to beat her tomorrow?

**VERA ZVONAREVA:** I have to stay concentrated the whole match. You know, I have to be able to not have ups and downs in the match, try to play as like even as possible because with her if you give her a little bit of chances, she's going to take it. She's experienced. She's a great player, and she's not going to let you get back into the match, so I'll just have to stay concentrated throughout the whole match.

**AMY BINDER:** Any other questions? Thank you.

**END OF INTERVIEW**

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