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An Interview With:

SABINE LISICKI

SABINE LISICKI defeats VENUS WILLIAMS
6-4, 7-6 (5)
3rd Round

KEVIN FISCHER: Go ahead with questions.

Q. How important was this victory to you today?

SABINE LISICKI: You know, it's, I mean, a great victory beating Venus Williams. She's a great champion, and I'm really happy. And I still can't really believe that I won, so I'm really happy.

Q. Did you sense it when you won the first set, that momentum was really on your side?

SABINE LISICKI: Well, I knew, you know, I'm playing good. I knew that I could have a good match against her. And then winning the first set, of course, gives you a lot of confidence, so I was really glad that I could take that first set.

And then the second set was really close, and I was actually behind, so it was a good match.

Q. Is this the biggest win, would you say, of your career?

SABINE LISICKI: One of my biggest wins, yeah. I think the win against Lindsay Davenport was really big for me as well.

Representing my country and beating her in my first Fed Cup experience. Of course, beating Williams here is awesome, especially last week, I've been sick, and coming here not 100 percent recovered, but then slowly getting better. It's just awesome.

Q. When you called for your coach, what were you trying to get out of that request?

SABINE LISICKI: I just wanted to talk to my coach, you know, to see what he thinks. And he was actually really happy with the way I was playing, and gave me extra confidence, so it was good.

Q. She was having some problems getting her first serve in. Did you notice that at all or feed off that, or did that affect you in any way?

SABINE LISICKI: I mean she had some bombs (laughs). She's serving very well, but sometimes your serve is not 100 percent there, and I took advantage of it.

Q. Do you feel you're on the map now, and do you consider yourself a favorite to win this tournament, or did that match take something out of you, having to beat Venus Williams that early on?

SABINE LISICKI: For me it's really to just take one match at a time, and you know, it's important to give 100 percent in every match. And as long as I give 100 percent in everything I have, I'm happy, because you always learn something.

Q. When you were behind in the second set, it seemed your serve kind of picked up there. Is that kind of something you do? You're kind of known for your serve, kind of fast.

SABINE LISICKI: Yeah. Well, I'm confident with my serve. Sometimes I'm struggling, but you know, in the important points I could really count on my serve, which was very good.

No, I was sometimes risking a little bit, but you know, I just went for it.

Q. At the end I saw you had your face in the towel, and I couldn't tell if you were

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**laughing or crying or just wiping your face off.
What --**

SABINE LISICKI: Everything together. It was just pure emotions.

KEVIN FISCHER: Anything else, guys? Very good. Thank you.

SABINE LISICKI: Thank you.

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