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An Interview With:

SABINE LISICKI

Sabine Lisicki defeats Elena Vesnina
6-4, 6-0
Quarterfinal Round

KEVIN FISCHER: Go ahead with questions.

Q. What did you think of your serve today?

SABINE LISICKI: Well, you know, I think I served pretty well. In the beginning I couldn't serve the whole time very good. I made some double faults, but I think overall it was good.

Q. You played her at Indian Wells, right, and what was the difference today do you think?

SABINE LISICKI: In Indian Wells I came after I was sick, you know, and I didn't play quite as well.

Here I really played -- I made too many unforced errors back in Indian Wells, but here I really played well. I didn't miss too many balls, and I really used my opportunities.

Q. I know you had a really good run at Memphis. You made the semifinals. How does this compare with that? Is this one of the best tournaments you've had so far?

SABINE LISICKI: Yeah. Definitely my best tournament so far. It's the biggest tournament I've been in the semis of, and I'm really happy with it. And I've beaten Williams, so it's a great tournament for me.

Q. What happened there -- I think she came back and tied you 3-3 in the first set, and

then you kind of put on the afterburner. She only won one game the rest of the way. What was going through your mind there? You sort of took it up a notch.

SABINE LISICKI: Well, I really think I stepped up with my game the way I played.

In the beginning I think I still missed a couple, but then I really, you know, focused, and you know, I just played my game, and I didn't miss too many balls, and made those important points.

Q. Are you aware of the speed of your serve? There was one there I think was 120 miles an hour. Do you notice that at the time on the court or not?

SABINE LISICKI: Sometimes, I mean, yeah. You feel it, when you just hit it, it's a bomb (laughs).

Q. Do you ever look at the gun that shows --

SABINE LISICKI: Sometimes when I feel it's like a really fast serve and it's an ace, yeah, why not?

Q. What's the fastest you've been clocked that you know of?

SABINE LISICKI: Last in Memphis, 127 which was out, but the fastest which was in, I think it was 124 or 5.

Q. Are you trying to break Venus's record as a server?

SABINE LISICKI: You know, as long as my serve works well, and you know, I'm serving well, and if at some point I break her record, then good (laughs).

Q. What do you think of your next opponent, or potential next opponent?

SABINE LISICKI: Well, they are still going on, so I'm probably going to watch a little bit of the match, and you know, we'll see.

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Q. Do you have a favorite player? Was Graf the person you model your game after?

SABINE LISICKI: Unfortunately I haven't really seen much of Graf play. I started later to play, but I really enjoyed watching Jennifer Capriati and Kim Clijsters.

KEVIN FISCHER: Great. Thank you.

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