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An Interview With:

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

Sabine Lisicki defeats Caroline Wozniacki
6-2, 6-4
Final Round

DANNY KENDALL: Take questions for Caroline, please.

Q. Caroline, the early part of the match you got down early. How much did that dictate the rest of the match, or was it just not your day?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I mean she started well. She was playing aggressive. And you know, yeah, and I wasn't playing my best, so both of them turned out the results.

But I mean she's had a great week, and she was playing really good today.

Q. Were you tired from yesterday at all?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I don't think it was from yesterday. I just think it's in general, you know, from playing a lot of matches.

I think I started feeling it a little bit today, but I mean she also didn't give me a chance to come back in the match.

Q. How hard is that serve to battle? Seemed like she really took it to her opponents all week with that serve.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Yeah. I mean she has a good serve, definitely. So you know, every time you think you have a chance to get back, you know, she comes up with a good serve.

Q. She came in here, you know, ranked 63, but she showed such poise and talent,

obviously. I take it that you're not surprised by the way she played?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: No, no. Not at all. I've played her before in Australia, one and a half years ago where it was tough three sets, so I knew what I was going into. She's a player that can play really well, hit the ball hard, and yeah, if it goes in, it's really, really tough.

Q. What did your father tell you to do the couple of times he came out?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: You know, he just said that, you know, I should move my legs a little bit more, go for the shots a little bit more and mix it up. Yeah.

Q. Just about this week, it seemed like the fans took a liking to you as a player. Do you see this as maybe one of the non Grand Slam events that you could become a part of on a regular basis and look forward to getting that kind of support week in, week out when you come here?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Yeah. Definitely. I really enjoy here, enjoy Charleston, so I want to come back, that's for sure.

Q. How good is it for tennis when new blood are in the finals? There's no Dementieva in this finals, no Williams. There's two new names, so to speak, for the Charleston tennis community.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: You know, I don't think that I have to -- I don't think that's a question for me. It's a question for the fans, I think. And you know, I just try to do my job as good as I can, and you know, I was in the finals, and hopefully I'll have many more finals to come.

Q. Obviously her power game gave you a lot of trouble. Is that something you're going to be working on to try to improve to make you

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stronger where you'll be able to handle players that hit so hard and serve so hard?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I'm not a player that wants to be big. I don't want to become a power hitter that way. You know, I do things well, I like running and thinking. I make the right decisions, so that's the way I want to continue, and that's my game.

So you know, I just want to improve the things I do, but of course, you know, on a day like this, I need to have my legs there. They need to move, because otherwise it's tough, you know. I couldn't resist her shots, and then it's tough. I played too short and she goes the other way.

Q. In the last game of the match, you saved three match points. Can you tell us a little bit about what were you thinking at that point, if you were thinking?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: You know, I was just not giving up. You know, I was trying to come back. I knew that she was going to be a little bit nervous. I knew that she was going to have maybe some trouble closing it out, and I wanted to take my chances, but you know, I had some advantages that I didn't take, and yeah, then it's difficult. She came up with some good serves.

Q. When she's at game, set, match point, is there a different mentality with you today because of what happened when Elena did yesterday when you had the exact same situation?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: You know, after you've played so many matches, you know, and you've reached a certain level, you start to know also what's going on in the opening set, and you know what you have to do. So you know, I was just trying to keep my focus, and you know, just try to hang in there. But yeah, today it didn't work out.

Q. Your serve seemed to be really off today in comparison to other days. That had as much probably to do with this match as anything. Is that what you believe?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I don't know if my serve was off. You know, I kind of think that I was serving not badly, especially in the second set, but you know, of course, when you see her, you know, and she was pressuring my serve and my

shots. I knew that I had to, you know, place it a little bit better.

Q. What have the last two weeks meant to you as you go forward and sort of looking toward the French and beyond?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: You know, before I came into the clay court season I wasn't really comfortable on the clay. I thought that clay was the surface that I like the least, but after these two weeks, I really proved myself wrong, and you know, I really think that I've played some great tennis, and I've proved that I'm good on this surface as well.

So now I don't know which is my most favorite surface and which is my least favorite. I like everything, and it's exciting to come in on a new season and play on a different surface.

DANNY KENDALL: Do we have any more questions? Okay. Thank you very much.

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