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An Interview With:

PATTY SCHNYDER

**Patty Schnyder defeats Chanelle Scheepers
3-6, 6-2, 6-4**

Q. What was running through your mind when you were down, lost the first set 6-3?

PATTY SCHNYDER: Yeah, I mean it's just a set, but I mean my forehand was very uneasy at first. And yeah, I just need to hang in there and somehow try to find your game and play better and play tough. And I was tough today, running down balls, but yeah, I guess the best thing today is that I can come back tomorrow and play better hopefully.

Q. Patty, obviously after not winning last year, to get a win this time around, is that more satisfying when you missed out on winning a match here last year, one of your favorite places to play, you can come back and get a win this year?

PATTY SCHNYDER: Yeah, but hopefully it's not going to be the last one. Here I am always aiming big and I want to do well here. So it really wasn't my best today. I'm just happy that I did it. Tomorrow no one's going to talk about how many forehands I missed. It's just going to be tomorrow.

Q. Can you reflect on being one of only two players to play in all 10 Family Circles here in Charleston? You've become a crowd favorite and you get a lot of support, and it seemed like they started getting behind you when you started coming back in the second set.

PATTY SCHNYDER: No. I feel the support when I step here on the court, even like practicing, I mean just people come and talk to me and say nice things, and just yeah, really warm feeling I get all through the week. And especially on the court when you're down, yeah, it helps you a lot. And it's just I played so many great matches here and beat so many Top 10 players. Yeah, it's just my favorite tournament.

Q. Can you talk about how the tournament has evolved in the 10 years that you played in it? You remember the first year, I think 2002 you were one of two unseeded players in the championship that made history in that match.

PATTY SCHNYDER: Yeah. That was the most amazing run I had, like beating Capriati, Pierce, Mauresmo and Serena in a row. So yeah, it doesn't happen often, so that was just my breakthrough with the crowd as well, and with the fans and did a lot for the tournament.

Yeah, just like the organization always keep improving. They just look at every detail, and it's just such a perfect event. And they try to make more perfect, but I think, yeah, you can't do it any better.

Q. Where are you in your stage of your career? How many more years would you like to play?

PATTY SCHNYDER: I'm pretty much done, I think, because so many years, and I've played, yeah, here 14 times and no injuries, so I really feel a bit tired at some stages of the year, and especially here it's great because I love it, but there's some tournaments, yeah, you just play because it's great events, but you don't feel really

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at home. So it doesn't make it easy in those weeks.

Q. So this is your final go-around?

PATTY SCHNYDER: I can't tell you that for sure, but maybe one more, but yeah, not many more.

Q. What's going to be tougher, Charleston without Patty or Patty without Charleston?

PATTY SCHNYDER: Patty without Charleston.

Q. And why?

PATTY SCHNYDER: I mean I have a lot of respect out there. They love me and my game, but I really love the tournament, and it's just, yeah, the biggest moment and the greatest I had in my career, so it's very emotional and just always a great, great tournament.

Q. Patty, obviously you weren't playing at the top of your game that first set. It might sound kind of corny, but do you feel like the crowd out there gave you a boost from the second set on and that helped you or is it just more you making an adjustment and you started to play your game again?

PATTY SCHNYDER: It's everything. Honestly, it's like when I come here, I just get so excited and I get a boost right away, from, like I said, talking to fans in practice session, it just makes me go and hit half an hour more and doing some more work.

And yeah, then I always get a bit nervous because it's my expectation here to play well, and to make a good show for the fans. So the start was kind of nervous for myself.

Q. Patty, have you played Larcher De Brito before?

PATTY SCHNYDER: Yeah. Actually this year and Fed Cup, it was indoor, hard court. And yeah actually played -- we didn't play -- we played a good match, and yeah, what happened there.

Yeah. She's hitting the ball and she's really trying to hit winners, but she came up with some good angles as well. We had some good rallies. I remember she had some double faults as

well also, so maybe she's going to do them tomorrow, too.

Q. I have an off-topic question. Where's *The White Mile*?

PATTY SCHNYDER: Yeah. Too busy to get in shape and playing good tennis, so we got stuck. We haven't worked on it in like one and a half years, but it's there and we will find time.

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