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Post-Match Press Conference With:

JELENA JANKOVIC

JELENA JANKOVIC defeats EDINA GALLOVITS
2-6, 6-4, 6-3
Round 2

AMY BINDER: Questions for Jelena, please.

Q. How did you manage to turn it around in the third set there? Did you think that your opponent just ran out of energy?

JELENA JANKOVIC: No. I think that overall if I just -- I was making a lot of errors, and I didn't really get into the play, and I just didn't do what I was supposed to do on the court, so she took advantage of that and won the set pretty easily.

But then I got myself together, I started playing more aggressively, and I cut down the errors as well. I started moving in a little more on the court, and I started as well serving better which was very important, and probably at the end she got tired. It's the clay courts. You gotta do a lot of running, so it's a lot tougher than playing on hard courts because some of the points are a little longer.

Q. Is it sometimes good to start off a tournament with a scare like you had in the first set?

JELENA JANKOVIC: Yeah. You know, you want to -- any match is good, and obviously these kind of matches are good for you just to see what you -- where you have to improve, you know,

for next round, and you know, I spend a little bit more than -- I wanted to be on the court not for two hours in the hot or three hours. I don't know how long I was there. So it's nice to win in an hour, hour and a half and save energy, but those matches are good for you, and I'm happy I was able to win this match. I think Edina is a really good player, and I think on clay she's really tough to beat.

Q. You've played her coming in today three times, and she beat you on clay once and you beat her on hard courts twice. Is that correct?

JELENA JANKOVIC: Yeah, but I think when we played on clay court, it was like when I was maybe 17.

Q. 2003?

JELENA JANKOVIC: 18 years old. How old was I?

Q. Well, 2003.

JELENA JANKOVIC: I am now 25.

Q. 18?

JELENA JANKOVIC: 17 years old.

Q. You had your driver's license?

JELENA JANKOVIC: Yeah. (Laughs). But I think, like I said, she's a really good player on clay. She's solid. She doesn't really make many mistakes, you know. She puts all those balls back, so you have to really beat her.

And the court is slow. The balls get heavy, so you gotta be doing a lot of hitting and a lot of running.

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Q. Were you surprised at how aggressively she was playing early on? It seemed like she was willing to take some risks to put some shots past you early.

JELENA JANKOVIC: Yeah. Also, you know, she didn't have anything to lose. She can just play freely and go after her shots, and you know, that's what she did. You know, she played really well, especially in the first set, and I thought she played well, I think, throughout the whole three sets. She didn't really give me much. When I was winning those points, it was when I did the right things and I was being aggressive and I was earning them. She didn't really make -- she didn't give me many gifts, many mistakes.

Q. Can I ask you a question about I heard that you're buying a house in San Diego. Can you tell me how that's coming along?

JELENA JANKOVIC: It's still under construction. Hopefully by the end of the year it will be done probably by November or so. I hope in the off season to be there.

Q. Why did you choose San Diego?

JELENA JANKOVIC: I think it's a good location, and I like it there.

Q. You said you didn't want to spend all that time, two hours, two and a half hours out there. Does that catch up to you in a tournament if you go into Friday and Saturday play, that extra energy you had to spend today?

JELENA JANKOVIC: No, because tomorrow I have a day off, so I have time to recover. And I think, you know, especially this is my first tournament on clay, and I think it's a good thing that I played, you know, a tough match like this because it gives you as well confidence and you get fitter and fitter for the next rounds.

And as well, like I said, I see what I need to do, you know. Tomorrow I'll do some things on the practice court and hopefully be better the next round.

Q. What's it going to take to win again here in Charleston?

JELENA JANKOVIC: I think here on clay you gotta be really patient. You gotta wait for your

opportunities and when you have them, you have to take them.

And you gotta move well. You gotta feel the ball and you have to know how to cover the court, and overall you have to have the endurance. You gotta be able to play those long points. And if it has to come to a third set, you gotta be able to still hold your ground and play your tennis, not lose the match because you are physically tired.

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