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Post-Match Press Conference With:

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI defeats PATTY SCHNYDER
6-2, 7-5
Round 3

AMY BINDER: Questions for Caroline, please.

Q. Can you talk about that second set? It didn't seem like either one of you could hold serve. Seemed to be a battle of wills at that point.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Yeah. I mean we were both returning well, and we didn't have as much power on our serves, and yeah, I mean it just -- we broke each other, even though I had a lot of advantages on my serve and also on hers. And I mean yeah, it was not easy, but I'm so happy that I pulled through in two sets.

Q. When you came out this afternoon, you looked like you were being very steady and relatively aggressive, and it looked like you were trying to keep the points short. Was that in your like strategy or plan for today?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Definitely. I knew that from the beginning I was going to have more energy or more power, so I was trying to keep the balls short, try to stay in the court, because I knew that once the balls get heavier, once we get into the match, we'll have longer rallies and it's going to be tougher for me because she gets a lot of balls back. And when she has the opportunity she steps in and goes around her forehand and wins the point. So for me it was just

about keeping the ball short, try to stay aggressive, try to, yeah, to not let her dictate too much.

Q. Is her style, is that frustrating, all the different shots that she comes up with?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: It's not frustrating. She's playing very smart; she's playing really effective. It's different than most of the other players on Tour, but you just need to stick in there, think about that it doesn't matter, the ball can go over 15, 20 times. It doesn't matter. You still fight and in the end you need to take advantage of the short balls.

Q. What did you think you did well and not so well today?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think I played pretty aggressively, especially in the beginning. I felt really, really good. Second set she -- I let her dictate a little bit more, but I mean I still think we were playing really good rallies from the baseline.

I think maybe my serve could have been better today, especially in the second set, but I felt pretty good out there.

Q. Caroline, did you notice that one ace she hit all of a sudden out of nowhere, it was this 115-mile-per-hour ace. Did you notice, oh, my God, it was so much faster than the others?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I didn't notice it was 115. I just noticed that she made two aces in the important points when I had the advantage and I wasn't too happy about that, hitting the lines twice. It was just well played and I couldn't do anything about it. Just had to think about the next point.

Q. Towards the end of the second set your father yelled something, and I'm sure

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speaking Polish, at least it sounded like Polish to me. Sounded very frustrated, and I wondered, can you describe what it's like for him to sit and watch you as a daughter and as your coach, have him watch you play, like what's it like for him?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I don't know. You have to ask him. I really don't know.

Q. Caroline, do you have to make a conscious effort to stay composed when it seems like she's obviously a crowd favorite. You seem to do pretty well, but do you have to make a conscious effort?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I'm sure the crowd helped her today. She got really pumped up and she was really believing in herself.

It's just important to keep focused on your own game and not think too much about the crowd, because a lot of people are cheering for me as well, but obviously she's been playing here for so many years, so people know her and it's like her home tournament, so I just try to focus on myself and the things I had to do.

Q. You said she's been playing here so many years. Can you picture yourself playing here for that many years?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: How many years has she played? 14.

AMY BINDER: 14.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Wow, that's a lot of years. Well, if I stay injury free and if I keep playing for this many years, why not come back every year.

AMY BINDER: Great. Thank you.

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