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Post-Match Press Conference With:

SAMANTHA STOSUR

SAMANTHA STOSUR defeats VERA DUSHEVINA
6-1, 3-6, 6-1
Round 3

AMY BINDER: Questions for Sam.

Q. You really dominated the first set. Can you talk about what changed in the second set?

SAMANTHA STOSUR: I think once she won a game or two, then she grew in confidence a little bit and started maybe feeling a little bit freer out there and just kind of felt more comfortable than I did.

I don't think I stepped up onto the baseline enough and just didn't do enough with my balls and kind of allowed her to dictate what was going on, and towards the end of the set I tried to go through the court a bit more and did that better and obviously kept doing that in the third and obviously that was the difference in the end.

Q. I think you won 15 straight points or something to start the third set. What were you doing well?

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Like I said, I think I was taking advantage of short balls and staying as close to the baseline as possible and not giving her time to run me around.

I think she struggles with her movement a little bit out on the clay and you can kind of go behind her a fair bit if you get her moving in the first place, and you just gotta do that from the first and second strike to get her off balance, and I did that a lot better in the third again.

Q. You've really had a good year and played a lot of matches lately. Where do you think you are with your game?

SAMANTHA STOSUR: I'm really pleased with the way things are going. Obviously the first clay court tournament is always a good test and so far I think I'm playing pretty well out here, and to try and keep backing up my weeks like I've done at the start of the year is really pleasing for me. And I think that's one thing I've gotta keep improving to keep improving as a player and obviously try and keep moving up the rankings.

Q. Your results in Charleston haven't been probably what you wanted. Any particular reason for that do you think?

SAMANTHA STOSUR: I think when I played here in the past I didn't feel as comfortable on the courts as what I did now. That was probably one good reason, and I think one of those times I played I ran into Venus Williams, so that's never an easy match no matter where you play.

But I haven't been here for two years, and I'm very pleased to be back. And it's just one of those things. I love coming here. It's a great city and great tournament, and hopefully this year I can do a little bit better.

Q. I think you have Peng coming up.

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Did she win? I don't know.

Q. Any particular history with her?

SAMANTHA STOSUR: I think we've played, I can remember one match we played a long time ago, actually on clay, and I got through that, so I mean we know each other. We played each other more recently in doubles and that kind

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of thing, but I mean she's always a tough player. She's been, I think, a bit higher ranked than what she is right now, so I've got to expect a tough match and I'm definitely going to have to play well.

Q. Sam, what kind of things do you like doing in Charleston? Anything about the city that you look forward to coming back to?

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Well, this morning I actually went for a walk down to Rainbow Row and had a look at the water and go to some different restaurants and that kind of thing.

Like I said, I really love coming here. It's so nice downtown and the little market stores that are out every day. It's just nice to have a little look around, and yeah, feel like a local a bit, I guess.

AMY BINDER: Thanks, guys.

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