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Post-Match Press Conference With:

## **SAMANTHA STOSUR**

SAMANTHA STOSUR defeats SHUAI PENG  
6-4, 6-1  
Quarterfinal Round

AMY BINDER: Questions for Sam.

**Q. Did you appreciate there was a group of -- I don't know if there were Australian or not?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: I don't know if they were either, but yeah, it's always fun to have a group cheering for you kind of the way the Australians do, and whether they were Australian or not, they were great support for sure.

**Q. Can you just talk a little bit about today's match, what you felt like you did well and things you need to work on for tomorrow?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Overall I thought I played pretty well. Obviously the start of the match was fairly tight, and I got that break down, and on that change of ends I thought I had to step it up a gear and not play so many straight through the middle and give her a chance to hit it. And right from the first game I did that a little better and right from that first game I felt more comfortable, and it was definitely nice to finish that second off set pretty quickly.

**Q. Did you notice she was having trouble moving in the second set?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Yeah. She's not necessarily the greatest mover on clay anyway, and it was more difficult from the start, but as the

match went on, I was more comfortable with the way I was moving her around. But she definitely didn't look too comfortable out there.

**Q. How are you feeling on the surface?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: I like it. It takes a little while to get used to, I guess. I really can't complain with the way things are going. I'm very pleased.

**Q. Sam, your serve is such a huge strength for you. When that isn't working, do you struggle with the rest of your game or can you sometimes keep the rest high despite that?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: I try if the serve isn't working because there's definitely going to be odd days where you don't get a good percentage in and you don't hit it as well, so if the rest of your game holds up, that's pretty important.

And I think the way I've worked on my ground strokes and the rest of my game, if I'm not doing that so well, it may not necessarily matter, but it definitely makes it an awful lot easier when I am serving well.

**Q. The last game I think you served three aces or one unreturnable.**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Yeah. Maybe two.

**Q. Okay.**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Three. There you go. You were right.

**Q. How does that feel to end the match with that kind of bang?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Serving for a match it's never easy to serve out a match, and when you can step up to the line and get a good

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start with a couple of aces, it obviously makes you feel a lot better out there to get a 15-0 or 30-0 lead. You definitely feel more comfortable, and they never get a feel like they're going to break back. So it's always good to finish out a match serving well and holding it pretty easy.

**Q. Do you count your aces during the match?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Sometimes you know you're hitting a lot and sometimes you know you hit none, but it's not like I've got a tally going through my head or anything.

**Q. The Top 10 was that one of your goals just to be in the Top 10? Was that something you had in mind?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Yeah. Once I started getting higher up the rankings, it became more of an achievable goal. It definitely became a goal. It's nice to say that you made it and you can kind of tick that one off.

And you've gotta be able to stay there. And I'm back to 11 now, so I guess the goal is to go back in, and hopefully stay in there a little bit longer.

**Q. How do you feel about your chances tomorrow and going on?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Oh, I'm in the semis and I think I've got as good a shot as anyone that's left in it to win. I play Daniela next, and we've had some good matches in the past. And I'm going to have to go out there and play like I did today and know that it's going to be a tough battle and to expect a tough match, but if I can keep playing the way I'm playing and maybe improve my service percentage a bit more, then I'll have a good chance.

**Q. Your bio says that you really admire Steffi Graf. Can you tell us a little bit more about what you like about her game or why you admire her?**

SAMANTHA STOSUR: Just growing up, I just loved the way she played. She had a big forehand and held herself together really, really well on the court. And obviously she was a great champion and pretty much won everything through a certain period. So that's probably why I liked her so much.

And I guess we don't hit our forehands the same, but definitely every time I went out there practicing when I was a little kid I wanted to play like that, and I guess if you were going to have a good role model, she was probably one of the best you could get.

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