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A Post-Match Press Conference With:

JELENA JANKOVIC

**Wozniacki defeats Jankovic
6-4, 6-4
Semifinal Round**

JOHN BERKOK: Questions for Jelena.

Q. Jelena, maybe can you talk a little bit about what happened out there today?

JELENA JANKOVIC: It was a tough match overall. There was some really tough points, and you know, I had a lot of chances in the first set, but I was up, you know, a break, you know, 3-2, 4-3 and I never held the serve. So that was kind of the key, you know.

For some reason I couldn't really go for my first serve because it was quite windy, so I had to kind of play it safe with the serve, so I didn't really get any free points from it; and she was returning very well.

But at the same time, you know, I missed some balls that, you know, were kind of crucial, you know, some important points, you know, some balls didn't really go my way. But you know, that's tennis, and I fought hard. I really, you know, played the best that I could in these kind of conditions.

But she was, you know, more solid. She was really -- you know, what she does very well is she always makes you play an extra ball. So you know, sometimes I come to the net and I construct the points and I do all the things and then I'm just about to finish it and then I either make a mistake or she does a great passing shot.

So you know, it was pretty hard, you know, out there, but she was a better one in the end.

Q. Jelena, with the marathon-long matches that she's played, were you amazed that she got better as the match went along and she wasn't fatigued it didn't seem like?

JELENA JANKOVIC: You know, one of her best characteristics is that she's very fit. You know, she's very -- you know, she can run all day long and she can, you know, play those points, you know. You feel like she can go for days, so that's what, you know, she kind of has that about her.

So you know, you don't expect her to get tired or winded because she's not fit. She's maybe the fittest player on the Tour right now. So I wasn't really surprised that she was feeling pretty good out there.

Q. Jelena, what can you take out of this week, I guess your first tournament on clay?

JELENA JANKOVIC: You know, so far I had a pretty good week, you know. It's just the first tournament on clay. So I'm still kind of getting used to it and adjusting and learning to stay hanging in those long points.

And you know, so I did pretty well, you know. I cannot be so kind of negative about it, you know. I had a pretty good tournament, you know. Today was a tough match, and I had chances that could have gone my way, too, if I did some things right, which I didn't.

I was up as well some points where they missed by this much. But that's part of the sport, so I can just continue to work hard, and I'm healthy in this moment, so I can just go and continue to work on my game and play tennis.

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Q. You guys both had trouble with your serves in that first set. What was the biggest problem for you holding serve?

JELENA JANKOVIC: I don't know. I felt like when I was tossing the ball the wind was taking it, so I couldn't time it very well.

And you know, I didn't -- you know, I couldn't really go for my first serve, so it was pretty hard, you know, like I said, because of the wind. So I had to kind of play a little more high-percentage serve. I couldn't really go for the flat ones, and you know, that's what you have to do in these kind of conditions. And it was probably the same with her. And you just have to adjust, you know, the best that you can and go with it.

Q. Could you feel the temperature drop during the match?

JELENA JANKOVIC: I don't know. I was hot the whole time. I was sweating. I don't know. I don't think so.

Q. Jelena, what was your strategy going into the match? You told us you didn't want to tell us yesterday.

JELENA JANKOVIC: Yeah, but obviously why would I say it now?

Q. Still, huh?

JELENA JANKOVIC: It doesn't make sense. You guys write everything in the paper. So it's like I tell you, like the whole world knows. (Laughs)

Q. What do you think her weaknesses are?

JELENA JANKOVIC: You know, she's -- you know, it's hard to say what her weaknesses are because, you know, like what she does best -- you know, I can say what she does best is that she runs all these balls down and she always, unlike some other players, makes you play that extra ball that some other players you think it will be a winner. With her it somehow comes back, and she reads the ball very well. She kind of anticipates, and she's on the ball every time.

So it's kind of -- you really have to beat her because she's not going to give you anything. She makes very few errors. She doesn't go for winners. She doesn't even make mistakes, so you

really have to beat her if you're going to win the match against her.

So you really have to go for the shots and you have to make them in because today I made some mistakes, but you know, especially like at 2-0, you know, I missed like three balls that were just like, so it could have been 3-0 and maybe different scenario in that first set.

But it didn't really -- you know, sometimes you hit the balls and they don't really go in, and you know, you need some luck as well at certain times, and especially with her because she doesn't -- you know, she doesn't give you any, anything, any free point. Everything you really have to work hard for each one.

Q. There was a point, I think it was in the second set, where she hit a stab volley and then you sent the ball -- no, no, no. It was the other way around. She came back with like 2 overhands and you hit a stab volley. It was just like you had to put the point away like three times. You worked so hard to get the point.

JELENA JANKOVIC: Yeah, because like she's always somehow on the ball. You keep hitting to the corners and she's just returning everything in.

Q. Did that make you -- did it frustrate you?

JELENA JANKOVIC: Yeah, at times, and then I make the mistake, and then you work so hard to get it and you have the offense and then all of a sudden you just don't close it out. So you kind of have to keep the focus the whole time, throughout the whole point because you really have to finish it off.

And what I made a mistake as well, when I was coming into the net, I made a lot of errors out there, you know, when I went forward. So I didn't really close in, or I made a bad mistake up there. So you know, I still have to kind of improve on some things, you know. It's still a good learning experience, what I have to work on, what I have done well, what I didn't do well. So you know, it's a process. I continue to work on, you know, the Court and get better next time.

JOHN BERKOK: Thanks, guys.

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