

**April 6, 2016**

**Sloane Stephens defeats Danka Kovinic  
6-4, 6-3**

**Second Round  
An Interview With:**

**Sloane Stephens**

SLOANE STEPHENS: How do you guys like the bugs here in Charleston?

**Q. So aside from the bugs, were you fairly happy with coming out today? It's a place you've struggled in the past, but having a fairly convincing win early?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Yeah. It's nice. I mean obviously getting a win is always nice, and especially here. I love this tournament, and I've never really done that great here. So I'm happy to be through to the third round.

**Q. You won fairly quickly today. Anything in your game you feel like you need to improve moving forward? Do you feel like you're at where you pretty much want to be to make a run in this thing?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: I mean obviously there's always things to improve. But I thought I played a solid match today. It was a good way to come out and start the tournament, I've gotta work on some things, but I'm happy with the way that I started definitely.

**Q. Can you talk about the last game in the last set where you kind of had like a little hiccup there?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Yeah. It was really annoying. I didn't get broken the whole match, and then I got broken when I was serving for the match, so that's kind of annoying. Like I said, I served solid the whole time. She played some good points, and that's how tennis is sometimes, so I was happy that I was able to get it back in the next game.



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**Q. Can you think of any particular reason why you haven't done as well as you would like here in the past?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Honestly, I can't think of anything. Like I love this place, I love this tournament. Like I honestly don't know why, and it's very frustrating. But when you find a place you like to keep coming back no matter what. So I think it's just one of those places that I don't have very good luck.

But maybe one day. Say I probably have like, how old am I, 23. I have seven more years to play this tournament, at least. So maybe in the seven years I'll have, you know, one good tournament.

**Q. The interview with Andrea after the match, did you say you were playing Fed Cup, because I saw a tweet earlier saying you were not.**

SLOANE STEPHENS: No, I'm not on the list for Fed Cup, but I'm saying in general we're playing Australia. So I can give them some good tips.

**Q. I want to go back to the other question. I realize you have a very good sense of humor about the fact that you haven't won here before and all that. But to what degree do you think that you have maybe an issue with belief that you can't win more here? That does tend to get in players' way. Can you address that at all?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: I don't think that I can't do well here. Like I grew up playing on green clay. Like I said, I love it here. I've gotten some tough draws and just not played very well. And I mean it's just been tough for me, but this is the only tournament that I've ever played my whole life that I haven't done very well. But I love the tournament. There's places where I absolutely refuse to go and I still have to go and then I end up like winning the tournament or doing super well and I would rather be in Charleston. So I think it's just --

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**Q. I hate to say this, maybe you should just develop a dislike for the city.**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Exactly. Maybe something really bad should happen to me here, then I will do better in the tournament.

End of Interview

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