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**Daria Kasatkina defeats Louisa Chirico
6-0, 6-4
Third Round**

**An Interview With:

Daria Kasatkina**

Q. First set, 6-0, 23 minutes. Second set almost went an hour, 6-4. In that last game it was a struggle closing it out. Can you describe what happened?

DARIA KASATKINA: You know, sometimes it happens when you win the first set in the second set you are a little bit relaxed, but the opponent is still fighting and you're in a little bit doubt of the wind because you thought it would be easy, but it's not. And for sure she's a big fighter and really good player. And I was a little bit -- after the first set I was a little bit relaxed. So but I am happy that I won finally.

Q. You have a tentative ranking of No. 32, depending upon how a couple of things, which means that you might get a seed at Roland Garros. And I know you were the junior champ there in 2014. Can you comment on what that would mean to you?

DARIA KASATKINA: Those are nice memories from Roland Garros juniors, and it will be exciting to come there as a pro. And I don't really think about to be seeded or not. I am just go and play my best on this tournament, and it doesn't matter, no.

Q. You have now reached your second WTA premier quarterfinal since you made the last 8 at Indian Wells. Can you comment on

that? I mean you've come up so fast and done so much. Just your feelings on that.

DARIA KASATKINA: You know, since 2014 I changed my place for practicing. Now I'm practicing in Slovakia with new coach, and it means a lot for me because we change a lot of things, and I start to work really harder, and it's helped me a lot, because if you want to reach some goals, you have to be on the level. So I have to work harder and harder.

Q. What was one of the things that you changed that seemed to have made the most difference for you?

DARIA KASATKINA: You know, we changed my serve. We changed my backhand, and now it works really better than it was. And I'm trying to play more aggressive, because otherwise they will kill me on the high level.

Q. It's windy. Was that much of a factor for you during the match today against Louisa?

DARIA KASATKINA: You know, wind can help you if you know how to use it, and I know some tricks with the wind, so sometimes it can help you really.

Q. What, if anything, impressed you about your opponent's game today?

DARIA KASATKINA: Louisa, she's very good player. I've known her since juniors when we play Roland Garros and all these big tournaments. She's very good player. Really she doesn't have weakness. She has good serve, good backhand, good forehand. So my strategy was just to play aggressive and make more pressure.

End of Interview

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