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**Sara Errani defeats Sam Stosur
6-4, 7-6⁵
Third Round**

**An Interview With:
Sam Stosur**

Q. Sam, it was a close match pretty much the whole way even though you fell in straight sets. How disappointing is this one for you?

SAM STOSUR: Yeah, it's obviously disappointing to go down, but yeah, I mean it was a tough match. The conditions were really, really hard out there with the wind. And it was very swirly and I don't think either of us necessarily played our best tennis, but on the day you've gotta do what you can do, and unfortunately I came up short.

Q. Right before you guys Venus played a three-hour match. Does that interrupt your preparation at all when you have to sit there and wait for a match that just keeps going and going like that?

SAM STOSUR: Yeah. It was obviously very long. To be honest, I was kind of happy with it going long. I got a bit more rest. I had a really late night last night.

Yeah, I guess as a tennis player you're always prepared for maybe matches to go longer or quicker or whatever. But yeah, that was certainly some long service games at the start of that third set.

You're kind of like, okay, do I go warm up, do I wait. It's something we gotta deal with often on a week-to-week basis.

Q. You've spoken before about how much you enjoy eating out in our town, Charleston. I wondered if you could tell us where you've been this week or if you're going to go anywhere fun -- well, you might not want to tell us about tonight.

SAM STOSUR: I don't know where I'm going to be tonight. Probably nowhere.

Q. But where have you been since you've been here or hanging out? What have you been able to do?

SAM STOSUR: I went to Fig twice, Hall's once, High Cotton, and then I had a couple of very quick meals at Moe's. So quite a contrast between those two.

Q. Have you had a good time?

SAM STOSUR: Yeah, no. Always have a good time here. It's always a great week, and I'm always disappointed when I have to go, especially when there's two days left of the tournament where I wish I was playing.

But yeah, it's still nice to be able to come back here, I've been here for over a week; and yeah, already looking forward to coming back next year.

Q. We're looking forward to having you back.

SAM STOSUR: Thank you.

Q. Do you feel like you got a good foundation for yourself for the clay court season over the past couple of days here?

SAM STOSUR: Yeah, look, I still played three really good singles matches. Like I said, today you wish you could play a little bit better, but sometimes you gotta fight through that adversity.

Yeah, I mean this is just the start of the clay season, and to play three matches is a good thing. I feel like I'm hitting the ball well and already moving reasonably well on the surface. So that's good.

And I mean next week we go back to Australia and play Fed Cup against the United States, and then I'll head back to Europe. So there's still lots of tennis to be played.

Yeah, I'm really looking forward to the next couple of months that are in front of me.

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