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**Sloane Stephens defeats Daria Gavrilova  
6-4, 6-3  
Third Round**

### **An Interview With: Sloane Stephens**

**Q. Not easy, but two relatively quick matches in a row. Are you pretty pleased with the way you're playing?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Yeah. I'm so excited. It's the first time I've had a good result here, so it's really exciting. And I love this tournament, so it makes it even better.

**Q. I mean can you talk a little bit to that point? You've been here for a few years, and I know you enjoy your time here, but how nice is it to get to the quarterfinal and feel like you're succeeding here as well?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Yeah, it feels really nice. I mean obviously I played two pretty solid matches which was good. And I mean I don't know what to say. I'm happy, happy to be through to the quarters, happy to be playing well on clay. It's a lot of good things.

**Q. What's been the difference for you this year putting up a good result here as opposed to years in the past? Do you feel like you're just adjusting to the clay quicker this time?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Yeah. I think it's just taken me six years to adjust to the green clay here in Charleston (laughs). No. I don't know. Before Indian Wells and Miami I was playing some good tennis. I had some hiccups the last two weeks, but like I said, that's sports and there's going to be some ups and downs, but there's

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something to be said for a girl with bouncebackability.

**Q. You're probably the most rested player left in the field and you're one of the highest ranked.**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Thank you. That's so sweet (laughs).

**Q. Do you consider yourself a favorite going forward?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: No, never. I just go out and play tennis as best I can and just go out and compete. I mean it's good that I'm rested, I guess. That's not really a good thing, but -- (laughs).

**Q. It's better than not being.**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Yeah, that's true. But I mean I'd rather be tired from winning a lot of matches than --

**Q. Did you hear all of the fan support tonight?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Yeah. They were loud, weren't they?

**Q. Very.**

SLOANE STEPHENS: There was one lady back behind me I was serving on this far side, and she was loud. She sounded like my grandma basically.

**Q. Maybe it was your grandma.**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Yeah. She was super loud. She was super energetic, and she was pumped. That's a really good feeling, and being an American and playing in the U. S. with great fans probably it doesn't get any better than that.

**Q. You're going to get even more crowd support probably in the quarterfinals. Can you talk a little bit about the difference that makes for you?**

SLOANE STEPHENS: Crowd support is always good. They always push you, you know, break points down, break points -- I mean they're always good to have. So I'm looking forward to it and happy to be through to the quarters.

End of Interview

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