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A Post-Match Interview With:

FANNY STOLLAR

Fanny Stollar defeats Elena Vesnina
7-6⁷, 7-6³
Second Round

Q. Well, that was the biggest win of your career, very good. I just wanted to know, I mean you had four match points -- three match points in the second set, and then it eventually went to a tiebreak. How did you keep it together, the pressure? I mean this was a big match for you.

FANNY STOLLAR: Yeah, well, it wasn't easy after four match points, but I felt mentally really strong and I could keep it together no matter what any part of this match. So that was good.

Q. That first set tiebreak so up and down. What are things you did that helped you win that?

FANNY STOLLAR: Well, I was just really focused on every single point. Like I couldn't give any easy shots because it was really tough point by point.

Q. What does this win mean for you? Like how does it feel right now as you sit there?

FANNY STOLLAR: It feels really good, but it's still not done, so I can't be so happy about it because the next one is coming up.

Q. And then you train at IMG; is that right?

FANNY STOLLAR: No, not anymore.

Q. Oh, you don't anymore? But you used to train in Bradenton?

FANNY STOLLAR: Yeah, I used to train in Bradenton. Now I am in Boca.



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Q. Can you talk about how you were training in the States, the whole story?

FANNY STOLLAR: Well, when I was 13, I went to California. From there, went back to Hungary, and then I trained at The Netherlands. Then I was with IMG already, so I decided to go there, and I was there like two and a half years, and then I decided to move to Boca, so that's where my base is right now.

Q. Is this a bolt out of the blue, a big shock for you or did you feel this coming over the last few months or how did it happen?

FANNY STOLLAR: I mean even in the qualifying I was going match by match. If I can believe it, you know, like in the first game, I really had to believe it that I can beat her. So I could, and it helped me a lot.

Q. What is in the water in Hungary that you guys seem to produce big servers? You have one, Timea, Dalma. I mean it's a tough shot in women's tennis.

FANNY STOLLAR: Yeah. I honestly don't know if it's a Hungarian thing or not, but it worked so far.

Q. And when you were younger, this is the first opportunity a lot of people are getting to know you and things like that. Who were your idols growing up when you first started playing tennis?

FANNY STOLLAR: It was always Serena for me, my idol, and still is. It's just amazing like the amount of work she puts into everything, how she fights. It's just really amazing, you know.

Q. And have you met her on tour? Did you get to see her in the Wimbledon locker room or anything like that?

FANNY STOLLAR: I mean there, yeah.

Q. Did you talk to her?

FANNY STOLLAR: No, I didn't talk to her.

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Q. But you got your first WTA win in Budapest on home soil.

FANNY STOLLAR: Yes.

Q. Now this result. What do you feel like is maybe happening with your game or mentally or something like that that things are maybe coming together and you're starting to get these results on the tour level?

FANNY STOLLAR: I just feel really calm and confident right now. So I don't have any pressure on me at all. So I'm just having fun and playing.

Q. Did something change with that? Did you feel like there was more pressure before?

FANNY STOLLAR: There was no more pressure. Everything is just getting together, you know.

Q. You mentioned Serena. Do you remember when you first became aware of her maybe on TV or whatever and what impressed you at that young age about her?

FANNY STOLLAR: I honestly can't tell you one time when it happened, but I just know throughout the whole years it's been the same for me.

Q. What have you been doing in your spare time here?

FANNY STOLLAR: Well, went downtown, nice area. Reminds me of Europe a little bit. So I really didn't have time to do much since Friday I'm here, every day I had a match. Monday I had to wait the whole day, moved my match to Tuesday, so I didn't really get much time off.

End of Interview

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