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A Post-Match Interview With:

**LAURA SIEGEMUND**

**Daria Kasatkina defeats Laura Siegemund  
3-6, 6-2, 6-1  
Semifinal Round**

**Q. Great start for you in the first set and things seemed to kind of go off the boil from there. What was the difference in the match?**

LAURA SIEGEMUND: Well, the difference is that I had two matches over three hours and she didn't, I think.

**Q. Physically did you start to feel --**

LAURA SIEGEMUND: Just couldn't move anymore.

**Q. Did you feel flat in the start of the match?**

LAURA SIEGEMUND: Yeah. I mean the week is a long week, and I'm a really fit player, I think, but she just started giving me no pace at all, and I just started to miss here and there like this. My serve started to go down. So things in my opinion that has a physical aspect to it. Very frustrating for me because I was playing really well and it was like someone unplugging my energy.

**Q. Tell us what you mean by unplugging your energy, how that plays out?**

LAURA SIEGEMUND: Pardon me?

**Q. You said she unplugged your energy?**

LAURA SIEGEMUND: No. Just like the matches. It's like someone. Not her. I mean she just played it clever. I mean she didn't have solutions in the first set, and then the coach came out, obviously gave her some good advice, playing moon balls. And she played really clever. I have to give that credit to her. And in the end she



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picked it up again, gave me long ways to run, and yeah, my game just -- you know, just not good, the footwork, and then you start to miss a few.

There were actually some close games. I'm up 40-0 to go 1-4, which could maybe bring me back in the match, but you know, it's just not enough. I couldn't have the length in my shots, not the precision, not the power. And then, of course, someone like her, she just starts to play, you know.

**Q. Just reflecting on the week, I mean what does this mean for you with respect to kind of just starting your clay season with a good run here?**

LAURA SIEGEMUND: Well, at this moment I'm coming like literally 10 seconds from the court. I'm very disappointed because I had a good match planned and all that, and I really wanted to win today. But if you ask me the same question three hours, I'd probably say it was a great tournament. It was an amazing crowd. Great week for me. I played very well. And of course, you know, I have to accept that at some point maybe I'm a little bit tired after having tough matches mentally and physically -- let's say physically and mentally. You know, that also wears you down, the match, with the match points, all that stuff going on the whole week. I have to just accept that, you know, but at this very moment it's just very hard for me to accept.

**Q. And have you talked at all, do you know if you're going to be playing Fed Cup at all?**

LAURA SIEGEMUND: Yeah. I don't know what -- I've heard something, but I don't know how official that is, so I don't want to make any comment on that now because it's more like personal chat with Barbara, but yeah, I have to wait a little bit to make -- you know, I don't know how official that is.

**Q. Did your injury and your aggravation with how she was playing, did that compound the loss do you think?**

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LAURA SIEGEMUND: I don't know what compound means.

**Q. Did it make it worse for you? Did you mentally become -- did you become so -- were you more engrossed with what was going on in your head?**

LAURA SIEGEMUND: You know what, it's frustrating if you know what you want to do and you know you need six shots for it but you only have energy for four. That's what is frustrating. You know, you want to beat -- you know, she's a great defensive player, and you can't win on this surface, you can't win the points quick against her.

I was coming to the net a couple times, and then she passed me. I was just a little bit slow. And that was the thing -- I mean she played great and she did everything right today, you know. And so that's the sport, you know. But of course, if you start to lose, I don't know, eight games in a row because all the rallies, the long rallies, you lose all of them, then, of course, it's frustrating. Doesn't have to do with her, doesn't have to do with, you know, with anything other than you're just losing the points. That's frustrating. And you're trying to work something out and it's just not working for you.

End of Interview

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