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**S. ERRANI defeats E. Bouchard
6-4, 6-4
First Round**

An Interview With:

EUGENIE BOUCHARD

Q. She's a tough first opponent for clay, especially the match what made the difference today.

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: Yeah. Of course playing against her on clay is always tough. She loves that surface and she gets a lot of balls back. So I was trying to have the right balance between patience and aggression. But it was hard to finish off some points sometimes. So good to her for kind of making me play so much. I think that's what made the difference.

Q. Eugenie, you put a lot of time in on the practice courts this week. Despite the loss are you able to take any positives from what you were able to do on court today?

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: Yeah, I think I've been improving recently, and yeah.

Q. Eugenie, you had your chances today in both sets. I mean they were quite tight, a lot of deuce points and break points and things. So in those moments what do you think is the difference?

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: Yeah. I remember a couple of points. I think a couple where if I tried to rush it a little bit, because you know, I knew she could get a lot of balls back, so I tried to maybe over play on a couple of balls and just losing my patience a little bit as well as a couple of times I felt I didn't get up to the ball enough. Sometimes she hits the high spinning ball and sometimes it lands shorter, so it's footwork. It's just getting up to the ball. It's definitely a different kind of style of play, so you really have to adjust, and yeah, I think footwork as well on those bigger points would have helped me a little bit.

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Volvo Car Open



**Q.
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a decently rough patch of results for you the last while. Do you feel like you understand what's going on with your game or are you still sort of searching for answers to try to solve to get yourself back to where you want to be?

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: I think it's a bit of both because sometimes I feel good and sometimes I'm like I have no idea what's going on. But I think the most important thing is just to keep going, and I've been feeling good in practice recently and it's obviously that elusive thing of bringing the practice to the match. So I think just more matches will help me out. It's tough training for two weeks, playing a match, losing and training for two weeks, playing a match, losing and it's a tough cycle to be in because you feel more nervous and extra pressure for that match, especially you're on centre court and it's a big tournament, or maybe you got a wild card. So I've been putting myself in tough situations as well. So I want to play some smaller tournaments and just get matches where no one's there, no one cares and just grind, you know, just to get the rhythm back.

Q. What are those tournaments? I know you played in I think Indian Harbor last year.

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: I did.

Q. I don't think you're entered in any of the ITFs at the moment.

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: No. I'm supposed to go to Bogota, and I'm thinking maybe in Europe of playing some maybe challengers instead of the big events and just kind of getting matches in. So I'm not exactly sure. It depends obviously on ranking as well, so we've gotta kind of schedule that.

Q. Eugenie, just I mean you have a title on clay, French Open semifinal. Do you see that this next section could be where you start to get some traction? Is this a surface that inherently you feel comfortable on or is it, I don't know, like is it less so? I don't know.

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: No. I do. I mean I feel comfortable on all surfaces. I think past

results have shown that. I mean you definitely have to be positive and hope at every kind of next swing is going to turn things around. So that's how I need to be. But like I said, I've always played my best when I've played a lot of matches, and that's what I need to do, maybe playing small tournaments. Even if I can get into the big ones, playing smaller ones, getting matches, playing qualis. It doesn't matter to me. It's just kind of waking up every day and having a match instead of getting used to practices, I want to get used to matches kind of thing.

Q. I think I saw your mom in the stands today. So who's in your team?

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: Yeah. Mom's the coach, so -- no. I'm kidding.

Q. She could be. I don't know.

EUGENIE BOUCHARD: No, yeah. Lots of players have their parents as coaches, but I was talking to her that I was going to call her out on court. She was like, well, then I need a nice Nike track suit. So no, she was wearing jeans today, so I thought I wouldn't call her. But yeah, no. I'm going to be with Robbie next week in Bogota. Just asked my mom to come down, spend some time with me. Scott's always been the rock in my corner, so that's the plan for now.

End of Interview

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