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

An Interview With Sara Errani

Q. So first match here. You have to be pleased with that effort. Not too many unforced errors out there and to get it done in two seconds.

SARA ERRANI: Yeah, it was a tough match. I mean I think it was a good level. It was quite windy, so it was not easy on the court. The wind is not on one side. It's moving all the time, so it's not easy to counter, but yeah, I'm really happy with the win of today.

Q. How does your attitude change when you step on the clay in terms of just knowing the next two months are focused all on clay court tournaments, which is your favorite. Are you getting even more excited?

SARA ERRANI: Yeah. Of course, I'm excited to be on clay, but it's the same. I try to do my best outside the court, inside the court, so it's not changing too much. But of course, I like to play on clay, to slide, to -- I like it.

Q. In terms of the attitude, what is your attitude like right now with respect to your tennis? Do you have like goals about rankings or things like that? How are you approaching your career?

SARA ERRANI: No, no. Not really -- I don't have goals with ranking like that. I'm trying just to do the right things. I'm trying to enjoy, to have fun playing. Sometimes it's tough. It's different from one year at 20 years old then maybe everything comes, you are really motivated now you are 30, you're like watching more things outside. It's tough to combine, to think you don't have the same motivation, so you think about other things. So I'm just trying to enjoy most of all. I mean sometimes I feel like more nervous. So I just trying to work on these things.

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**Q.
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the outside things that sometimes distract you?

SARA ERRANI: Yeah, of course, you are living like this all your life. You don't have many things, so you think about having a family and these things. Of course, you are getting older, so some days you will finish the tennis. So you are just thinking to have a family and even sometimes to do other things. I mean not only tennis. There are many things that you can do in your life. So you start to think about that, and sometimes it's worse to think about that. But it's coming. So you have to be ready to combine and even when you will stop what you will do. So the day comes.

Q. Do you have any other kind of jobs you want to do after tennis? A dream?

SARA ERRANI: No, no. I don't have a dream. I don't know. It's tough to answer and think about that. But I cannot tell you something. Maybe I will go outside of tennis, not any more tennis, like coach, no. I just want to change and do other things and forget a bit about tennis. Or maybe not. Now I'm thinking like that. Maybe two years it will be another thing.

Q. In terms of your motivation, you showed a lot of motivation in the last year when you were coming back, played smaller tournaments. Did that time off and the way you're working back up to your current ranking affect your attitude towards your career?

SARA ERRANI: Yes. A bit, yes, when they take out to you the thing that you love, you understand, there's something different. I mean maybe before it was a bit more playing for playing and now they take it out from you and you feel that is what you love and you love to do. So you understand that and you are, again, motivated to do what you love.

Q. How do you see tennis differently now after that time away? Do you see the sport differently? Do you feel different about tennis and the opportunity you have to play after having it taken away from you, like you said, for a while?

SARA ERRANI: It's tough to answer that. Maybe before sometime, I mean there are things in your life that happen outside the tennis courts. Something you think happen many things on your life. So you don't know what happens, of course, in the private life and what it becomes. So sometimes we see from inside what happened. So you don't understand maybe the things, and so you have to be ready to confront what happened. You have to be strong sometimes, tough situation. So what happened was really hard times for me. It was really tough what happened to me and my family, all the things that happened. So you have to be strong to pass it and enough to it's lucky it happened. Sometimes you try to think that you have the bad things and you have the good things. Maybe I've found again my motivation with what happened.

Q. Just a quick question about Italian tennis, and obviously you're part of the golden generation for the women with Flavia and Francesca and Roberta. What do you see coming behind you with Italian tennis in the girls?

SARA ERRANI: There are young girls that are working, and I like them. I mean in Fed Cup we are spending time with them; and of course, try to do what we did is really tough. But I think they don't have to think about that. They are just practicing, they are improving themselves. And even if they are not like 15 years old already on the top, but I think they are working really good. They are motivated.

It's not easy, and now even more in Italy, I think with the people it's tough. They make everybody a lot of pressure to you, and then they are not managing their things really good for my opinion.

But I think there are girls, like Paolini, Chiesa; there are five or six girls that I think are working good and they can have good career. I mean maybe not Top 10, but I think it's not a problem. I mean they are working. I think they are enjoying what they are doing, so it's nice.

Q. Is there one that stands out to you? Is there one of the younger Italian players that particularly stands out to you as thinking, oh, maybe she's like the best?

SARA ERRANI: What does stand out mean?

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Q. Stand out means like the one that grabs your attention that you think might be special of the younger ones?

SARA ERRANI: You want me to tell you one girl that I think that is more?

Q. Yeah. If you have one.

SARA ERRANI: No, no. I don't like to do that. It's not fair to all the others. I mean everybody has his career, everybody has his time to improve. Maybe one can improve before, then one after. Everybody different life. So I don't like to do that. I want to be the opportunity to all to have a good career. I don't think you would say one name and, what, maybe make more pressure on her. And it's not fair. So I mean everybody can now have one good results, maybe in two months or one year or two years another one. So I think that the important thing is that they are doing the right things. They are working to try to arrive somewhere.

Q. I saw on the court of arbitration there's still something scheduled possibly. For you for the court of arbitration for sport casts, you know, the tribunal, your case, there's something still to come.

SARA ERRANI: Yeah.

Q. When is that? What is the next sort of chapter in this? I thought it was over.

SARA ERRANI: I'm still waiting. So they will decide. And the only thing that I know that I'm still waiting. So it's not closed at all. I'm waiting until they definitely sentence. I don't know how you say that in English. But still waiting from December.

Q. You had the hearing in December?

SARA ERRANI: I had the 9 of November I did in Switzerland. But they say three weeks maybe. So.

Q. And it's like four months.

SARA ERRANI: It's like four months. I hope it's coming soon.

Q. I want to go back to talking about the young Italian players. If they were in here right now, what advice would you give them?

SARA ERRANI: In here right now?

Q. If they were. Pretend. You got a good imagination, Sara. What advice would you give them?

SARA ERRANI: To try to do the right things, to -- I don't know. It's really tough to say. Of course, the pressure is very important. To do your career. But even like that, to try to do the right things. There are things that if you see other players, you can understand what is better to do, to have a coach, to work hard on the physical, to have all the things, a good place where to practice. So it's good -- these things I think are very important, more than other things that you can think about or off court. So if you try to work every day, I mean it's always the same thing that you say, but I think it's not an easy thing that many people can have the mind in other things to do. But if you want to reach really something in your working, it's what you are doing everything you can do is really good. And I'm spending time with them in the Fed Cup and I try to be a good example, to speak with them, to make it to show them that it's possible, it's not something that you imagine that is impossible. And they are working good, they play good. So continue and good things will come.

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