

**April 4, 2018**

**J. GOERGES defeats K. Ahn  
2-6, 6-4, 7-6  
2nd Round**

An Interview With:

**KRISTIE AHN**

**Q. You almost did it.**  
KRISTIE AHN: Almost.

**Q. What happened there at the end?**  
KRISTIE AHN: I mean I definitely had the momentum. I think we were both pretty tight. What was it, 5-4, and then I had a look at a second serve, missed it by a little bit, and then she played really good tennis. She definitely stepped it up.

I can't say I'm -- well, I mean I can say I'm disappointed, but I'm also really proud of my effort. I don't think it was that easy to play against 13 in the world and play at that level at that caliber for that long. So yeah, I'm very proud of what I was able to accomplish today.

**Q. What did you see as her weaknesses?**

KRISTIE AHN: Not a lot. I think just trying to catch her trying taking time away from her. She's got a big serve, and the faster the serve comes, the faster it'll come back, so I was trying to just take time away from her. And obviously she's got a pretty big forehand, but it's also a pretty big windup, so I was trying to get her to catch those a little late as well.

**Q. What was it like just kind of in terms of the step up of playing, you know, Sam yesterday, but also today, No. 13, compared to like what your week in week out looks like?**

KRISTIE AHN: Yeah. I mean, honestly, you know, it's not that different of a level. The difference is the top players' ability to step up in those key moments. Like when she was serving 15-30 to be able to hit that drop shot, like so it's just -- and being able to stick out these matches



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the prettiest from her. 7-6 in the third, first round for her. But that's what makes

a top player, but I've played Indian Wells, Miami, and these girls in qualifying, but the level is up there. It's just that in those key moments it's a couple points here and there and that's honestly the biggest difference.

**Q. What does the rest of your year look like and are you going to take a break now?**

KRISTIE AHN: No break. So I'm going to be playing the challengers in the States, Indian Harbor, Dothan, Charlottesville and maybe Charleston. I think I like the green clay pretty well. So we'll see how those goal. My goal is to be main draw for French. So that's kind of why I'm trying to get as many matches and points as I can in these coming weeks. And then hit the grass hard.

End of Interview

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