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**J. GOERGES defeats N. Osaka
7-6, 6-3
3rd Round**

An Interview With:

NAOMI OSAKA

Q. Yesterday you said that you were a little tired from the all the tournaments that you've been to this season, and it's more than it had been in your previous years. Did that get to you a little bit today? Was there just not enough in your tank or was there I mean just something else that didn't see you through to a victory?

NAOMI OSAKA: I'm actually not really sure how to answer that question. I wouldn't really know if it was because I played a lot of matches or something else, because I've never been in this position before. So I do know that what I felt today was like a new feeling, though. Like what I felt today I've never felt it before, so --

Q. Can you articulate how you felt? Like what made it feel different today? Like what was the feeling?

NAOMI OSAKA: I don't know how to explain it, but like -- like kind of depressed, but like it comes in waves. So just like --

Q. Was that just on court or did you kind of just wake up feeling like, you know, a bit down? I mean was it just a match, tennis-related issue or what do you think?

NAOMI OSAKA: Well, no. It kind of started yesterday. Like yesterday I just woke up and I was really depressed, but I don't know why.

Q. Did you talk to Sascha about it at all, and what kind of advice might he have offered?

NAOMI OSAKA: No, I didn't -- I didn't say anything to him.

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just talking about her game a little bit today, obviously she's a very good player, and she knows the surface very well. I mean can you talk a little bit about what you thought she was doing particularly well that maybe stopped you from being able to turn things around?

NAOMI OSAKA: Well, she's a really aggressive player, and like she can make points. It's not like I have to be the one hitting unforced errors for her to win. So I feel just that she was rallying a lot and then hitting winners, so yeah.

Q. And just with your tournament over and getting to have a break now, what's the first thing on your mind that you want to do?

NAOMI OSAKA: Nothing.

Q. Just nothing?

NAOMI OSAKA: Yeah.

Q. In the second set it was 3-3. You pulled your visor down over your head and smacked the clay off your shoes like, with purpose. Were you talking to yourself then or were you disappointed in yourself then? What were you thinking at that point?

NAOMI OSAKA: I was thinking -- well, I was thinking that I shouldn't give up and that no matter what, I should try to at least make it competitive and just, yeah, like I shouldn't give up at that moment.

Q. You have to play a tough tournament in Europe on red clay. What do you take from this tournament in the future?

NAOMI OSAKA: I'm not really sure. Like I was able to win two matches. But I feel like that doesn't really say I can play well on clay. It's more, I think, I'm just an okay player that was able to play okay. Like I am so sad right now. I don't really want to think about other tournaments. Yeah. I'm sorry.

Q. And Naomi, just I mean in terms of how you're feeling, do you feel like -- is there any souring to it? Do you have any hunch as to why it just kind of hit you like a wall? Is it everything that's kind of happened? Has it

been fish out of water kind of experience of it all?

NAOMI OSAKA: Yeah. I don't really know.

Q. I know it's been a tough stretch right now, but when you look back at your time in Charleston for this tournament, what do you think stands out when you'll think about this maybe down the road or after today?

NAOMI OSAKA: Well, I mean I was able to get to the third round twice now. So I think I play okay here. It's just a matter of what's going on in my mind right now.

Q. Do you plan to play Fed Cup in Japan?

NAOMI OSAKA: Yeah.

Q. What do you want to do, play in Japan?

NAOMI OSAKA: Are you asking me if I'm going to play Fed Cup?

Q. Yes.

NAOMI OSAKA: Yes.

End of Interview

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