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

**An Interview With:**

**JULIA GOERGES**

**Q. Julia, you had a little bit of a slow start. Can you talk about what kind of adjustments you needed to make in that first set?**

JULIA GOERGES: I think I started the match pretty well like with big serves and big ground strokes, and I really, yeah, I needed a little bit of time to get my feet on the ground and especially to get used to the pace as well, and today it was a bit cooler. And yeah, the balls are very strange to play, I would say. It's tough to control them, especially when they are new. When they get a little bit more used, you get more control on the racquet, but yeah, I was just very happy that I created some opportunities in her service game to really, yeah, get my feet going, but also changing up the game a little bit with a lot of variety. And yeah, I'm just very happy the way I handled it today.

**Q. Naomi was in here a little while ago and she was upset about her loss, and she said that she was feeling depressed and that it was a new sensation for her. And I guess what I want to ask is how you get over bad losses and keep going, and could you sense that her mood at all while you were playing today?**

JULIA GOERGES: I saw that her body language changed in the second set. She was, yeah, I think a little bit frustrated that she couldn't take the opportunities she had in the first set and she really let me back in. And I think, yeah, it affected a little bit her. I knew that she had a lot of matches. She just won a big title, and I saw that mentally she was maybe a little bit tired, too, so I tried to take advantage of it and really just focus on myself and making life as tough as possible for her to not really give her any free points, that she has

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ball, and that's what I tried to do as

best as I could in the second set as well. And I just saw that, yeah, she went down a little bit. So yeah, it was just, yeah, a little bit -- probably a little bit more experience to take this opportunity then.

**Q. So how do you yourself move on when you're like, you know, not doing well or have losses in a row? How do you recover?**

JULIA GOERGES: Well, I would say, first of all, if we compare it to, yeah, last week's tournament in Miami where I had an early exit, I think there is always, yeah, a positive side of it, too, because I think sometimes you learn more out of losses than on wins. And especially if I compare it to yesterday's match where I was almost out of the tournament and I still found a way, I think those matches help you more than you win 6-2, 6-2 and just go off the court. So I think losses can be very helpful, too. They can be painful, but they help you probably more than easy wins or if it looks easy or if you just win a title. It's nice something to enjoy about and be happy about and proud of, but at the same time I think losses helped me in the past more than wins, too.

**Q. Julia, you're pretty good friends with Daria, I think if I recall. Also you guys are facing up next. Can you just talk about her as a person? Tennis aside but you seem to have a good connection with her?**

JULIA GOERGES: She's very special for me. I think when we met each other first she was 17 or 18. We played each other in I think Bucharest and then Bad Gastein, and when I played her there after the match, I was pretty sure she's going to be Top 20 for sure. That's what I told her at the net. She was pretty shocked about it the way she looked, and maybe she thought, because you beat me now you tell me this. But I meant it that way, and I think I wasn't that wrong that she's going to be there. And I just like the way, yeah, she's presenting herself, the way she is as a human being. And well, we know that this

tennis life probably also has some tough parts. And it's not a goal to like everyone, but I think it's nice if you can deal with everyone. And yeah, I think she's one of the best friends I would call on tour for me because she's a very, yeah, open-minded girl. She's very happy the way things are going for her but not on the tennis side as well, the way she lives her life. And I was very impressed with her the way she also approached me and the way we have big respect for each other. And that's something I think which is very important in life, that you meet people with lots of respect, and well, that's what I can feel a lot from her.

**Q. And that Moscow final obviously was emotional for both of you guys last fall. Talking about the -- now we're going to go to tennis. Just tactically and everything, a big seemingly contrast of styles there and what are you going to look to kind of impose yourself there? What's the key in that matchup for you?**

JULIA GOERGES: I think we know each other's game pretty well since we practice a lot of times, too. But I think for me it's important to focus on myself, as in every match. Maybe it gets boring if I'm saying it all the time, but at the same time it's all about yourself and not about the opponent. Probably you put up your tactics a bit different, if you look which things the opponent is doing better or maybe not so good. But the match starts with yourself and that's what I can control. I cannot control my opponent, but I can put my weapons on court maybe to control some movement of the opponent, so that's what I'm going to do to, yeah, really focus on myself bringing up my game. That's the thing which is in my hands and that's what I'm going to do tomorrow as well.

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