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**M. KEYS defeats C. Giorgi
6-4, 6-3
3rd Round**

An Interview with:

MADISON KEYS

Q. An awkward clay court match just because of the way that both of you typically play. So how proud are you in terms of just being able to get through that match and withstand that barrage?

MADISON KEYS: Yeah. She's always really tough to play. I mean I even said it to Lindsay, I went up 5-1 playing one way and then playing the exact same way it was 5-4 all of a sudden. So it's really just weathering the storm and looking for opportunities when you can, and I'm really happy that I stayed calm and patient when things could have easily spiraled the other way.

Q. How important were the chats with Lindsay today? The games after that you played you didn't lose point, whether it was breaking to close out the first set and after the second set. What was she telling you to kind of help settle things?

MADISON KEYS: The biggest thing was make sure you're going for your shots. I feel like I got a little bit passive in the first set, and in the second set she mostly was just talking about service games, like saying, go for your serve, pick a spot, really go for it. In the second set I think I won like 8 of 9 points after that. So it was really good just to kind of settle my nerves and have something to focus on.

Q. And it's not often that I would think that you need to be reminded to go for your shots. Is that, getting passive a little bit, is that a reaction to her game? Is it playing on clay and kind of maybe over-adjusting? What do you think was the tendency there?

MADISON KEYS: I think it's a little bit of everything. I think it's obviously her ball. It's hard



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that, but it's also you kind of -- you don't know if she's going to hit a winner or a mistake, so you kind of want to test her sometimes. But I also think that for me sometimes I over-adjust. If I feel like I'm missing the shot, all of a sudden I start pushing, which makes me miss it even more. So sometimes I do need the reminder to swing and actually commit to the ball.

Q. How much do you know about Bernarda Pera?

MADISON KEYS: I don't know a ton. She went to USTA a long time ago. I never really hit with her. I've seen her a little bit this year because she's been winning some matches. But other than she goes for her shots and she's a lefty, I don't know much.

Q. Is it nerve wracking to play somebody -- it's one thing to play somebody you haven't played before in a first or second round. Now it's the quarterfinal of a pretty big tournament. Does that add any extra concern or anything like that?

MADISON KEYS: No. If anything, I actually feel better just because I have two matches under my belt. I feel like I have pretty good momentum. I think I served really well today. There was a lot of things that I did well, so I think if I just focus on what I was doing well and what I need to do, then I'm not really concerned about who's on the other side.

End of Interview

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