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C. WOZNIACKI defeats M. Buzarnescu
6-4, 3-6, 6-3
Third Round

An Interview With:

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

Q. Caroline, can you just talk through the match and just from 3-3 in the third, what do you think the difference was?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think that I started off very well. I started off aggressively. I played the way I wanted to play. I could feel the pressure coming from her, so I knew she wasn't going to give up easy, and she played even more aggressively, and things started turning her way a little bit. And I think I got a little bit too defensive but at the same time I couldn't really get the depth on it because she was pressuring me so much.

In the third set again I got a good start but wasn't really feeling it. Then at 3-3 it was just I have to step in. I have to try and take the ball earlier and I think that paid off a little bit.

Q. Did this match require patience or did you feel like you needed to be more aggressive?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: A bit of both, I think. I think it was frustrating because she got so many balls back. She was moving very well. So I really had to play some good balls and if I played too short, she would go in and attack and find the angle straightaway, especially with that lefty hand. And it's something that when you play a righty, they can't really use that out towards my backhand too much, so normally I just go in and I just hit that. But she was able to find that angle and that made it tough.

Q. There's a lot of frustration when it comes to playing a match like that. When you throw your racquet, is it kind of a one-time



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thing? Do you regret it or do you just release your anger and kind of move on from there?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think I just release my anger. Am I supposed to say I regret it?

Q. It's up to you.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: No. I think sometimes you build that frustration because you know what you want to do and you're not able to execute. And that's when I just build up and I'm like, okay, I just need to get it out and start fresh and start over and just compose myself.

Q. At 3-3 in that third set is that where you feel like you bank on all of your experience or is there any part of your brain that panics or what are kind of the self messages you're telling yourself?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: No, I think if you panic, that's when it's done. But obviously at 3-3 I lose three games in a row, and I feel like even when I hit good shots she was passing me at the net or things were going her way. And I just took a few deep breaths and I said, okay, we need to start over and just start grinding here.

Q. So Caroline, through two matches and into the quarterfinals, what are you most pleased with with your two matches on clay so far?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think I served pretty well. I think I've served pretty well. I feel like my movement is pretty decent compared to it's only first two matches, and I think my feel, especially for like the short balls, the drop shots, stuff like that, has been really good, and in periods I've been able to move forward, which has been great. So there's a few things that I can be happy about and some things that I still can work on.

Q. Your next opponent is Maria Sakkari. How familiar are you with her and what are your thoughts about that match?

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CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I'm very familiar with her. We've practiced together in Monaco quite a bit, so I'm familiar with her and her game. She obviously loves the clay and it's going to be a little bit of a different match because she's a right-hander and she puts a lot of spin on the ball but at the same time it's going to be similar in the way they both like to play on clay and use the angles.

Q. You mentioned when you throw your racquet that's releasing anger. If you see your opponent throw their racquet, do you think they're frustrated?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I mean I think so. I would assume so. But, you know, I just try and focus on myself, to be honest, and don't really focus too much on the opponent.

Q. Have you talked at all with Francesca about potentially like kind of having her continue to work with you throughout the remainder of the clay season or is it just kind of like a one-off?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: We'll see. I think we'll sit down after this tournament next week and just see how we feel.

Q. What was her review of your first clay court effort or what sort of feedback did she give you after your first one?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Honestly, I think she and my dad talk a lot together and so that I get one voice. It's important for me so that I don't get too much information. But in general I think yesterday was a good start for my clay season, and I think I played really well yesterday.

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