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**M. KEYS defeats J. OSTAPENKO
7-4, 6-2
Third Round**

An Interview With:

MADISON KEYS

Q. Madison, much more straightforward, I guess, match compared to last night. Can you just talk to how much more comfortable maybe you felt, whether it was because of having last night's match under your belt or a matchup that you're a little more familiar with in terms of the rhythm?

MADISON KEYS: I think it's a little bit of both. I think after the first couple of games kind of -- it's just an easier matchup for me, and also just feeling a little bit more comfortable out there, yeah, from having a match like last night. It's just the combination, and the more that you're out there, the more comfortable you feel, so definitely feeling better moving forward.

Q. Do you ever think about when you play someone that's won a Grand Slam before, does that ever go through your mind that they have the ability to just turn it on immediately?

MADISON KEYS: I think more so than the fact that she's won a Grand Slam, just who she is and how she plays. She could at any moment make five unbelievable shots, so you're always aware of that, but I think more than anything you don't take it too badly, just because you know that she has that ability.

Q. That first set was quite close and then the second looked more straightforward. What do you think made the difference going into that second set?

MADISON KEYS: Probably that I made a few more balls at the beginning of the second set than I did in the first, and also just feeling more



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comfortable and feeling like I had a better game plan and just more comfortable and into the match.

Q. Either way you're going to play a good friend in the next round, in either Sloane or Ajla. How is that for you in terms of just playing somebody that you know very well, that is a genuinely good friend. Does it make the matchup harder for you regardless of who it is?

MADISON KEYS: I think it's something that obviously it's more difficult, but it's also something that we've been dealing with since we were all little. So it's more difficult in some ways, but it's also still just a tennis match. You know you're going to walk off and be normal afterwards. So honestly, you just have to treat it as another match and I understand could of forget about who's on the other side.

Q. And then can you just talk about them as players? How do you go into a match against Sloane versus how do you go into a match against Ajla?

MADISON KEYS: I think Sloane obviously makes a lot of balls. Her defense is one of her strengths, but on top of that she can all of a sudden come up and rip the ball, too. So that one I'm going to have to probably be a little bit more patient and setup the point, wait for the right ball.

And if Ajla wins, I think she probably goes for a little bit more, and I think she can definitely have the ability to hit winners from any spot, but you might be able to move her around a little bit more. So I'm going to try to open up the court a little bit more.

Q. When you play someone over and over again in your career, does the game plan ever change or do you just go in with the same mindset every time?

MADISON KEYS: I don't think the game plan ever changes. It's just if you can execute that game plan.

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