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**C. WOZNIACKI defeats M. Sakkari
6-2, 6-2
Quarterfinal Round**

An Interview With:

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

Q. Congratulations, Caroline. That last game was like a mini tournament.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Yeah, it took a long time. Some great shots from both of us. When we needed to come up she served an ace on the second sever right on the line. She hit a backhand cross court on the sideline as well on one of my match points. She made drop shots. She made every first serve. And when she had game point I came up with some crazy shots, too. I hit the line a couple of times as well. So I was happy I got the luck on my side today.

Q. Caroline, I know that the start of the season was kind of marred a little bit by the cough and illness and stuff that you had had before. How much of being able to get these three good wins in Charleston is a matter of confidence? Is it you're playing better? Is it you're healthy again and you can do what you want to do?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Honestly, I think it's just the fact that I'm healthy again. I've been able to train. Before Indian Wells I only had a few days I was on the court. I went into Indian Wells basically having not trained for maybe two months since Australia. So I was just very happy to be able to play on a pretty high level. But I just ran out of steam, out of gas. And I needed like four days to recover after that. But once that was kind of over, I started training again and got ready for Miami and thought that I started playing pretty well and was happy with the way I started playing match for match. And then I just got myself ready on clay, and I'm feeling healthy, which is the main thing, and now it's just all about enjoying being out there.



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Q. When you get to a semifinal at this level, how do you keep yourself in the moment rather than thinking ahead to the final and possibly winning the championship here?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think I've been here in this situation many times, and it's all about just taking it match for match, just really no easy opponents at this point, and you just have to be out there and do your best and hope that that's enough.

Q. Caroline, is it confidence boosting or frustrating that when you've been like healthy and everything like that, the results have come? We saw it in China, for example, and then here. Is it nice knowing that that tennis is there for you or is it frustrating that, you know, it can't come out all the time?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think for me it's a positive because there's nothing I can do about my health at this point. I'm trying to stay as healthy as possible. I'm doing all the right things. I'm in a period right now, knock on wood, that I'm feeling great. So it's great to know that once I feel good and I'm healthy, that I can go out there and I can perform at a high level.

Q. And just this week with the three matches you've played some players who are very comfortable on this surface, and it seems like there's been a lot more kind of instinctual variety, I think, a little bit in the games that you're playing. If you go back a decade and we look at tape of Caroline Wozniacki playing on clay ten years ago versus how she plays now, what do you think are the biggest differences that we would see?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: To be honest, I'm not sure. I think probably if you look back ten years ago, I was probably playing just as well on the clay that I do now. You look back five years ago, I would say I've stepped it up. I played much better.

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I grew up playing on clay outdoors, so I kind of knew what to do, and I think I just lost kind of that pattern a little bit once we started playing on hard courts so much. And I think now I'm just starting to realize what I need to do, and I can't always do it, but I at least have the right path and I can see what I need to work towards.

And when I play that way, I win a lot of matches and I can play at a very high level on this surface.

Q. Petra, Martic next. You guys have played each other a handful of times, and it's gone your way each time. Can you just talk about what you might expect in that match?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Yes. It's definitely going to be tough. She's playing well. She's been playing well on this surface and this tournament so far. We practiced earlier this week. She has that big kick. She has a good serve, forehand, likes to run around it, mix it up with the backhand. So I need to be ready from every point.

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