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**C. WOZNIACKI defeats P. Martic
6-3, 6-4
Semifinal Round**

An Interview With:

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

Q. Congratulations, Caroline.
CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Thank you.

Q. What was the key to getting it done out there in straight sets?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think I served well in most of the match and I think I returned really well most of the match as well, and I just tried to stay aggressive as much as I could and tried to make her run and make her move. And I think I did well today.

Q. In terms of having a good serving day today, was it just a good serving day? Was it tactically you were trying to execute a different service plan? How do you kind of chalk it up?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think it was just a good serving. I didn't really try anything differently. I think it's just important to keep it simple.

Q. Petra, during her on-court coaching, she said she couldn't keep up with you physically. Is there something that's key to your routine that makes you one of the most durable players on court?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think it's always been one of my strengths and something I've worked extremely hard on since I was a child. So it definitely doesn't come easy.

Q. Does this run feel pretty comparable to the last couple of times you've made the run to the Sunday here in Charleston?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I don't know. It's been a long time since I made this long run



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here. So I'm just really happy to be through to the finals once again, and I've been feeling great this week.

Q. Caroline, I know you've had Francesca helping you out a little bit. You're looking very, very good on clay. Is there anything in particular that you can point to that you kind of picked up from her?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I just think I've had a positive attitude this week, and I think I've played some smart tennis, and I've managed to return a lot of balls deep and then try and open up the court.

Q. When it comes to the attitude on clay, I remember last year it was a little bit of like, ah, just the attitude was a little bit more negative, I think was the sense, just the movement I'm struggling with and then here everything has been really positive, I guess, with you. Is this one of those surfaces where attitude plays a massive role?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I definitely think it does play a role. I just keep needing to have a positive attitude, because I can play well on this surface. And I think I just need to keep working on my movement and keep working on my game so that I keep improving every week.

Q. And then just tomorrow, it'll be either Maddie or Monica Puig. So can you just talk through each of them as opponents?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Yeah. Both of them play very aggressive tennis. Both of them prefer their forehands and have big forehands, and Madison has a big serve and looks to run around that forehand a lot, whereas, Monica will move around the forehand a little less. But, yeah, both playing aggressive, and I need to be ready from the start.

Q. You're the player out of everyone in the draw that has the most wins here in

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Charleston. Is there something about the tournament specifically that seems to work for your game?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I think it's a great start for me for the clay season because we go from hard court to a little bit of an easier clay transition. With the green clay, it's a little bit less slippery. It's a little faster. So I enjoy this surface a lot. And then, yeah, from here to move on to the red clay, it's much easier.

So it's a tournament that I always enjoy. I think the food is great, the fans are great. It's just a tournament where everyone feels at home, and I think that makes a big difference.

Q. You obviously had the illness that sort of set you back a little bit in February, and I think yesterday you were talking about putting in the work and having that time on court before you hit the match court. Do you feel like that's maybe not necessarily the secret to your game, but where you find your confidence is putting in all that work, because I don't necessarily think people realize how much work goes into the kind of tennis you do play.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Oh, 100 percent. I need to put in the work. I need to be out there. I need to be focused. I need to have a period where I really focus on a few key things and then I can play well. But, yeah, when you're not feeling well, you cannot really be out there on court, and you haven't practiced and the conditioning goes down. It's not a great combination for my game. So, yeah, I definitely need to be out there, I need to work hard and then the results came as a result of that.

Q. Okay. You've obviously been on tour for a few years, but can you say your last name for us?

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: I thought you know my last name.

Q. I do know your last name. I just want you to say it.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Wozniacki.

Q. Okay. Thanks.

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI: Did I pass?
(Laughs).

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