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**M. KEYS defeats M. Puig
6-4, 6-0**

Quarterfinal Round

An Interview With:

MADISON KEYS

Q. Madison, can you just talk through the match, specifically just the first set? Yeah. Start right there.

MADISON KEYS: I'll start at the beginning. I think she came out really firing and going for her shots, and she was making a lot of them. So it was just weathering the storm and waiting for opportunities and trying to play smart when I got them.

And I think the rain delay actually really helped because I got to refocus and kind of take a step back. And then -- and then in the second set it was really just stay on it, stay on it, try not to think about anything else, and just really happy that I was able to close it out.

Q. Usually after a rain delay people kind of find themselves more composed right out of the gate when they come back on to the court. How did you see Monica's game after the rain delay? Did you see it change in any way?

MADISON KEYS: I mean, I think she came out and she was still playing pretty well. I think I just might have been able to put a little bit more pressure on her, and maybe I started playing a little smarter. And then being able to have some big moments on big points, being able to kind of just get them I think really changed the score line.

Q. Your thoughts on the Wozniacki final. Obviously she's won one here before. You haven't won. I think she's 2-0 all time against you. What's your thought about that final and playing her?



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MADISON KEYS: Real confidence booster question there! (Laughs). I feel super awesome about it, can't wait! Definitely going to look at how she's been playing and just try to have a really great game plan. But more than that, just focused on myself, and I'm really proud of what I've done this week and how I've bounced back from a couple of tough losses. So I'm just going to go out and try to have some fun.

Q. I think you've said a number of times this week stay in the moment, not getting ahead of yourself that's been the big thing I think probably match to match that you've been able to do. How do you flip that switch? What do you think you've been doing differently this week that's allowed you to do that?

MADISON KEYS: I think just having a really good understanding of how I want to play and my game and having a lot of confidence in what I've been doing on the practice court and feeling like I don't have to play out of my mind or do anything amazing to win. So just knowing that and knowing, okay, if I stay in rallies, I'm going to be okay. It's a lot easier when you know that in the back of your mind and you're not worried that you're going to have to try to hit a winner on the second ball.

Q. What do the next 12 to 18 hours hold for you? Are you going to prepare in any different way for a final than you would a normal match or what's your routine up until 1 p.m. tomorrow?

MADISON KEYS: It's going to be the same. Go, cool down, stretch, all of that fun stuff, eat dinner, binge watch some TV. Go to sleep early, wake up. I don't think it's going to be any different than what I've been doing.

Q. There was a little scary moment at the end of the match when you slid out wide. What happened there and are you okay?

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MADISON KEYS: Yeah, I'm fine. It was more scary than anything, sliding and your foot stopping all of a sudden is kind of a terrifying moment. So I was just really happy that I was able to kind of catch myself and abandon the point versus really going for it.

End of Interview

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