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**M. Keys defeats C. Wozniacki
7-6, 6-3
Final Round**

An Interview With:

MADISON KEYS

Q. Madison, can you just describe your emotions at the moment of victory?

MADISON KEYS: Very, very happy and relieved and more than not, just very proud of how I played today.

Q. Madison, this is a tournament you've done so well in over the years. You've come so close to winning. What does it mean to finally break through and get the victory here?

MADISON KEYS: It means so much. I've always loved Charleston. It's always been one of my favorite tournaments, so to now be able to say that I've won the tournament and be on the trophy is really, really special.

Q. Have you thought about, number one, what kind of Volvo you're going to get and, number two, what it will be like to show up next year and see your face on the entire side of the stadium?

MADISON KEYS: I didn't think about that. That's going to be embarrassing. (Laughs). I haven't really gotten past I won, I'm very happy. Still trying to process all of that. And then I think maybe later tonight I'll be very excited picking out my new Volvo.

Q. What do you think made the difference for you out there, especially in such a close first set?

MADISON KEYS: I think I served really well today, and I definitely think I kept a lot of pressure on her. I think I returned well. So that and combination of still going for my shots and



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trying to be aggressive and really make her play her best tennis I think was the difference.

Q. Madi, how are you feeling about clay right now?

MADISON KEYS: Clay court specialist. (Laughs). It's definitely moving up on my ranking list of favorite surfaces.

Q. What do you have planned for this evening?

MADISON KEYS: My plan is to go home and sleep in my own bed. (Laughs).

Q. What do you think about like the magnitude? You beat three Grand Slam champions here, and two of them you'd never beaten before. Does it process like holy smokes what I did in a week's time here in Charleston?

MADISON KEYS: It's definitely been a really great week for me, especially after having some really tough losses the last couple of weeks. And to be able to really bounce back and have a really good week of training with my coach, Nacho, and then be able to come and win the tournament, it definitely is a very good springboard for heading over to Europe.

Q. Did you did you have a lot of expectations for this week given the fact that you were working with a new coach or reunited with a coach, and clay is not exactly one of your favorite surfaces coming?

MADISON KEYS: I didn't really have a lot of expectations. I try not to put expectations as far as results on myself. I just really wanted to play the right way and have a really great week of practice and trying to get some matches, and then obviously as time went, feeling more and more confident out there and walking away as the winner.

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Q. You said on your on-court speech that Charleston feels like home to you. What is it about coming to this city and this tournament that feels like home?

MADISON KEYS: It's just so welcoming, from all of the staff, all of the volunteers and then all of the fans. Every time I walk out on the court, I feel like everyone is 100 percent supportive, and to be able to go out there time and time again, and no matter how you're playing, they're always behind you means the world.

Q. And just to follow up, what are you going to do with that key?

MADISON KEYS: I don't know. I might like frame it or something. What does a key to the city do for me?

Q. You can go anywhere you like.

MADISON KEYS: Really? Wow, I'm going to pull that out next year.

Q. What did Juan say to you I think it was midway through the first set maybe he came out and spoke to you? It seems like you guys have a good rapport out there on court. He's got a way of sort of giving you advice, asking you questions, but then also making you laugh. I wonder how important that is, Madi, for you to be able to sort of find your sweet spot on the court?

MADISON KEYS: We have a really great relationship. He worked with me when I was younger, and I was amazing. And to have that relationship, even after we stopped working together, we still had a great relationship. And it's just been very easy to fall back into a great flow with each other. And he definitely handles my ups and downs very well, and he knows how to make me laugh, and that usually loosens me up. So, so far so good.

Q. Undefeated so far, so good. The big debate for us in the press room is how to spell Madi. We don't know how you spell Madi. So how should we be spelling Madi?

MADISON KEYS: I spell is M-A-D-I, because my name is spelled that way. Just get rid

of the last three letters. But you can add some flare to it. I don't really care.

Q. Madison, was your mom here?

MADISON KEYS: No.

Q. First question. And then, secondly, I've been asked by the volunteers to ask you what specifically you've been binge watching. We'll start there.

MADISON KEYS: I have been watching "Queer Eye," the new season; "Killing Eve," and I think I've been rewatching "Gilmore Girls." (Laughs).

Q. Solid prep.

ANDREW KRASNY: Who's your favorite announcer?

MADISON KEYS: This guy named Andrew. You might know him. (Laughs).

NICK McCARVEL: Boo, how dare you!

MADISON KEYS: He's proposed to me. He's my favorite!

Q. Madison, that first set, so tight, so close, back and forth. How much confidence did you take from pulling out that tiebreaker, and were you a little surprised when Caroline did not play that shot that kind of got you to 6-3 there when it looked like she was in position?

MADISON KEYS: Honestly, I thought it was going out. So I was just kind of waiting for a call to happen, and then when it didn't, I was really relieved. And then just to be able to close out that first set, especially the way that I did, definitely gave me a lot of confidence going into the second set.

Q. And just in terms of closing it out, honestly the backhand just long and your reaction to that was quite a little bit of disappointment, but then you went for that backhand on the very next point. So can you just talk about just that because not a lot of players can do that?

MADISON KEYS: I don't really know what was going through my head, honestly. I saw an opening, and I knew that was the smartest play

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and where I should go. And I think right before I hit
I just thought, big target, and luckily I made it.

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