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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. What has been working for you this week?

JENSON BROOKSBY: I think the biggest thing is I've really been mentally engaged in what I've been working on in the practices and the trainings. I've been very positive with myself this week after a tough week last week. I'm proud of what I've done so far.

Q. You have a unique play style. How would you describe your game?

JENSON BROOKSBY: I mean, I'd say the biggest thing about my game is I try to have no weaknesses is my goal. Just very solid, you know, point construction related things the most.

But mostly I just do what my coach tells me to do the best I can (smiling).

Q. What would you say your strengths are?

JENSON BROOKSBY: I mean, strengths? I'd say probably the backhand line I like a lot. Definitely the backhand shot. But, yeah, I mean, that's my favorite. And the dropshot.

Q. You're playing Frances in front of his hometown crowd. Didn't seem like you were flustered at all by the crowd. Where does your mental strength come from?

JENSON BROOKSBY: I really do think it's from the practices when consistently I can do it right. Also just appreciating these atmospheres, being able to do this. Just trying to become a better player.

I feel like if I focus on those things first, then the other distractions, such as the crowd being for him, something like that, won't bother me as much. I definitely knew to

expect that going out there obviously. I'm American, as well (smiling).

But, yeah...

Q. What was it like playing Frances?

JENSON BROOKSBY: It was a good match, for sure. A tight one. He's a real athletic guy. I can't really give away my strategy much. I knew it definitely would be a good match going into it. But I believed I could win, no doubt. I'm glad to get through today.

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