

Mubadala Citi DC Open

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Washington D.C.

Aryna Sabalenka



A. SABALENKA/K. Rakhimova

7-5, 4-6, 6-4

(Transcribed from WTA recorded audio.)

Q. How happy are you to be back on the court and back winning?

ARYNA SABALENKA: Yeah, yeah, I'm super happy to be back on court. I didn't play like months it feels like. It's been more than that.

Happy to get through this tough match. She played incredible tennis. I'm just super happy to get this win.

Q. How was the shoulder? How do you think you're prepared for the hard court season?

ARYNA SABALENKA: I mean, I really hope it's okay. At least I was able to serve without pain. It's not going to be easy to come back after injury, especially the one I had.

I feel okay and we'll see how I feel tomorrow. But I really, really hope I'm going to be all right for the next match.

Q. A word on your potential quarterfinal opponents, Yifan Wang or your compatriot Vika?

ARYNA SABALENKA: I mean, both of them are great players. I had a lot of great matches against Victoria. It's always great matches against her. I'm really looking forward facing her again.

Another player I'm not sure if we faced. I will watch their match tomorrow to see the game. But, yeah, super excited to play the next match.

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