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## Mirra Andreeva

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THE MODERATOR: Mirra, what are you looking forward to about the tournament this week?

MIRRA ANDREEVA: I'm always excited to come back to Rome and play in front of Italian people. Last year my singles performance wasn't that great, but I'm just hoping to play a bit better this year because I love the tournament and the atmosphere.

I'm just super happy for the tournament to start soon.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. Mirra, I saw you posted on Instagram Conchita's record here. What is it like to have a coach who has such history? Can you talk a bit about what you do behind the scenes when you're not playing?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Yeah, of course it's super special to have her by my side. I just couple of days ago found out that she's won this tournament four times in a row. I think it's a record. I don't think anyone has more titles in Rome in a row than here. It's pretty nice. I hope she's going to share some tips with me how to do the same.

Of course, it's super special to play here. I'm just going to try to be close to her.

Yeah, in our free time we like to play Uno. I also try to rest and be relaxed. Most of the time we play Uno or we talk.

**Q. How has the success that you had on the hard courts in February and March sort of changed how you think about yourself? Do you notice a change in how people treat you, either other players or people around the game? How has it been adjusting to all of that?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: I would say that I don't really feel the change in myself. I think that I'm still the same old Mirra either I won the tournament or no.

I think, well, the players on tour, they're also treating me the same way. Nothing's changed. I think maybe they would treat me differently if I would win, like, five slams, but it's not the time yet (smiling).

So far everything just stays the same.

**Q. Talking about tips, about Conchita, which tips she gives to you about to control nerves? How much difficult is for a champion like you, which already wins so many things, everybody is looking to you, and for sure you have your ego which say to you you're great, how difficult is it to control yourself?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Well, of course, she shares some experience and some advices on how to deal with nerves or with pressure. I'm not going to tell you what exactly she said because otherwise it wouldn't have been that special. I'm just going to keep it to myself.

We talk a lot. Of course, it helps me a lot, as well. I can feel the difference when I practice or when I play the match. I'm just going to try to use it as much as I can. We're going to see if it works or no.

But I would say it starts to work a little bit.

**Q. A funny moment in an interview you had in Indian Wells where it didn't seem you were certain that you were a top-10 player, even though you definitely were. Given that you would probably describe yourself as a perfectionist, have you learned not to pay attention to certain stats or do you measure success differently?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: I would say I try not to pay attention. I think I'm still in top 10. I just try to not to feel and to not to think about it because me personally, I feel like it's easier not to pay attention to what's my ranking, what are the positions, how everything changes or moves.

Obviously I know that I am probably still in top 10. I checked a week ago, so it was still like this (smiling). Yeah, I'm just trying not to pay attention to what's going on, just do my thing, do it the best way I can.

**Q. Have you forgiven Ons yet?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Yes, I had to. She's been super nice to me after that. I didn't really have a choice. I had to forgive her because otherwise I would feel bad after.

I just needed a couple of days before I forgave her. But



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**Q. You saw through that immediately?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Well, I didn't see through her because she covered her face. Dasha Kasatkina sitting next to her almost laughing. I was not sure if that was for real.

After she really started moving her body and making it seem like she cried. I was like, Okay. After that she started to scream, I got you. After that, it was, yeah...

**Q. Have your expectations for yourself and the pressure you've put on yourself to win matches, tournaments, has that shifted at all? I mean, you're still so young. Happy birthday, by the way. You're still so young and have a lot of time. Have you started to think, like, you want things sooner?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Well, of course I want things to come to me sooner. If I want them to come, it doesn't mean that they're going to come. I have to work hard and I have to do something for it.

I'm trying to work hard and to do everything I can. Sometimes it doesn't go my way. Sometimes it does. I'm not going to put pressure on myself if I don't win the tournament I want to win, for example, this year, because I know I have time.

I know that if I'm going to work hard and do everything I can, it's going to come - maybe not now, maybe it's going to take a year, maybe five, maybe 10. I don't know how life is going to go.

I'm just going to take it slow, and at the same time I'm going to try to enjoy, then we're going to see how things are going to go.

**Q. You play well on all surfaces, even grass, which is hard for some players at the beginning. What is your ranking of surfaces in terms of your favorite to least favorite?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Well, considering how I played on grass last year, I would have to put grass on the last place for now. Maybe this year I'm going to try to change. I'm going to try to change the order.

If we take this year, I would put hard court, clay court, then I would put grass court. For me I keep it like that.

**Q. In other years clay would be above?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Well, maybe. We're going to see how these clay court tournaments are going to go. Maybe clay is going to end up on the first place. We're going to see.

**Q. Wondering what you think about electronic line calling on clay. Do you like it? Do you think they should also use it at Roland Garros?**

MIRRA ANDREEVA: Well, I heard that Roland Garros they're going to use line umpires. I don't know. I like the electronic calling because it's kind of what the system says, you just go with it, and you cannot really argue with that. It's just easier for me to not to pay attention if the call is right or wrong.

Yeah, I think on clay of course it's a bit different. I don't know, I'm not really picky with that. If they put line umpires, I'm like, Okay, we play with line umpires. If they put electronic line calling, Okay, we play like that.

Me, I'm not really picky with that. Whatever they do, I'm fine.

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