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Aryna Sabalenka



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2-6, 6-3, 7-5

(Transcribed from WTA recorded audio.)

WTA: Give us your quick overall assessment of the match today.

ARYNA SABALENKA: Yeah, I feel like I didn't play well from the beginning till the end. I started really well, but then I kind of dropped the level. Felt like my body was limiting me from performing on the highest level. She stepped in and played incredible tennis. Didn't really give me much opportunities.

Yeah, that was a tough one. But I guess we never lose; we only learn, so it's okay.

WTA: With Sorana, what did you make of her game style?

ARYNA SABALENKA: She's a fighter. It's kind of like it's sad to see her leaving because I feel like she's one of those players that's fighting no matter what. I felt like she could stay for longer. It's her choice. We all respect that. I just wish her the best season to finish her career.

WTA: I know in the match you had a few calls with the physios. Can you give us an update of what the injury is and what you might do now for Roland Garros.

ARYNA SABALENKA: I'd say that probably it's like my lower back, connected to the hip, which kind of like limiting me from the full rotation. I guess we just going to have some days off. We're going to spend it on recovery. That's the plan I believe for now.

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